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Atom health chief warning on children

By Ronald Faux, Sheila Gunn and Thomson Prentice

develop cancer might be give any worker worried about best advised not to have a family, the director of health and safety at the Cumbrian nuclear plant said yesterday.

Dr Roger Berry's remarks in the wake of Professor Martin Gardner's report linking radiation in men working at the plant and leukaemia in their children were immediately condemned by environmental groups and disowned by British Nuclear Fuels, which runs

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Sellafield. They came at a news conference after Professor Gardper of Southampton University met 900 Sellafield workers to explain the implications of his report which showed that the likelihood of a child developing cancer was seven times the national average if its father had been exposed to radiation at the

INSIDE

Rebel with a majority?

 "Next Sunday he may become a member of that very rare breed: revolutionary leftists with a more or less

democratic mandate. As Nicaragua gears itself up for its first fully contested election since the overthrow of Anastasio

Somoza, we profile Daniel Ortega. See page 13

 The recent storms may bring about a change in the way media forecasters present the weather.

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 There were three winners of vesterday's £2,000 Portfolio Platinum prize (see page 3). Today's chance to win is un page 33

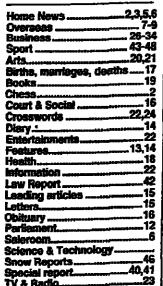
Lloyds lifts mortgage rate

Lloyds Bank has raised its mortgage rate to a record 15.7 per cent, fuelling fears of even higher increases to come. The Alliance & Leicester and National & Provincial, two of Britain's largest building societies, both increased rates to

Accountancy

examinations The Institute of Chartered Accountants' exam results will be published in The Times on Saturday, Copies of the paper will be available from 10pm on Friday evening at Victoria and King's Cross stations, Leicester Square, Marole Arch and Charing Cross.

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Dr Leakey: Decision

Advice to 'worried' workers at Sellafield

Sellafield workers who plant before conception. Ask-fear their children may cd what was the best advice to power stations an a fuel the report, Dr Berry replied: "If some of them are especially worried, the proper advice may be for them not to have a family. That would be the right advice for someone

who is that worried, but it is very much a personal matter." Mr Jim Begbie, convener of the GMB craft section at the plant, described Dr Berry's answer as a harsh and unhelp-

ful statement; and British Photograph. Nuclear Fuels said it was not

company policy to advise workers not to have children. Mr Stan Crush of Green-peace said: "It is outrageous that Dr Berry can even consider advising workers not to have children. It is not for the workers to change their ways, but for British Nuclear Fuels to stop its dangerous

Friends of the Earth said it lenkaemia and that it was the workers' responsibility not to have children to avoid this.

"It is British Nuclear Fuels' responsibility to ensure that its workforce is not exposed to levels of radiation that create this risk. We demand an immediate reduction in the annual dose limits from 50 to i () muhsieverts.

Professor Gardner also called for British Nuclear Fuels to reduce the level of exposure of its workers. "The levels must be as low as can possibly be achieved," he said.

The meeting at Sellafield came as Ministry of Defence Officials and trade unionists warned MPs that the Trident project could be put in jeop-ardy because of staff shortages and safety fears within the nuclear industry.

reprocessing plant being built at Sellafield may have to be abandoned as uneconomic if

> to the Trident project came when the director of the Atomic Weapons Establishment. Aldermaston, told the Commons defence committee that difficulties in recruiting and retaining staff meant the programme could not be met ithout using contract staff.

Mr Jack Dromey, public services secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, said all nuclear establishments were facing horrific problems in the wake of Professor Gardner's report. "In the past there was scan-dalous neglect. At first glance the problems are horrific," he

Mr Richard Keep, a TGWU official at Aldermaston, said there was particular concern about safety and be feared that was not acceptable to state the standards would fall if work the workforce's children might was contracted out. There were clear differences in standards between staff employed by the Ministry of Defence and outside contractors: "Everything, right down to the tears in suits being worn, show vast differences in safety. The ontside contractors are less safety conscious. They are taking a risk."

The Sellafield findings have considerable consequences for nuclear plant operators around the world, according to an editorial in today's issue

Although it is not yet proven that radiation exposure of adult males sometimes leads to the birth of children with leukaemia, the suspected link is bound to be elevated from its status as an untested hypothesis, the journal says.

"An urgent need will quickly be felt for a fuller And Mr John Large, a understanding of the reported leading independent nuclear association."

Nervous Poles call for talks on border

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

Mr Tadeusz Mazowiecki, the Polish Prime Minister, yesterday called for urgent European talks at which both Germanies and Warsaw would affirm the western frontiers of Poland.

The conference, Mr Maz-owiecki said, should be held soon after next month's East German elections and would include Poland, the two German states and the four allied

The plan is for both Germanies to initial the peace treaty anchoring Poland's border. The pact would be finally signed by a unified Germany. Mr Mazowiecki, who sent details of the proposals to the leaders of Britain, the United States and France, but not to Bonn or East Berlin, regards the conference as a prelude to the "two-plus-four" meeting on German unity. Warsaw four allied powers and the two

Germanies, at talks that affect its borders, but is not laying claim to participation in the detailed discussions on unification.

"Poland does not aspire to similar status to the two German states or the great Warsaw trail-blazers

Ronald Butt ...

Leading article.

powers," Mr Mazowiecki said.
"But it is precisely we who
have a thousand-kilometre
frontier with Germany and so, in that part of the conference devoted to the security of the neighbours, we should be present." Poles felt they were excluded from the European carve-up, at Yalta, and do not want to be locked out again.

The formula agreed recently on German unity. Warsaw at the Ottawa "Open Skies" wants a seat, along with the conference, which decided Continued on page 24, col 2

Thatcher warms to a joke by Heath



quickly

By Richard Ford Political Corresponden

Mr Edward Heath and Mrs Thatcher as the old adversar ies celebrated with almost 500 guests his 40 years as an MP.

But barely had the last mouthful of chocolate mousse been digested and the crowd departed than hostilities re-

Before and after the lunch at the Savoy Hotel, London, the former Prime Minister launched stinging attacks on his successor's economic policy and its attitudes towards



rica, the European Community and German unity.

Outside the Savoy, he dis missed Mrs Thatcher's speech last weekend in which she voiced fears over German unity and said it was under-standable that, for some, bitter memories of the past would colour their view of the

There might be suspicion on German unity in some quar-ters, and he regretted remarks made last Sunday. "They are not evil people. We got rid of the evil people, we defeated

which should break new

tainment and information

transmission standards," said

Mr Murdoch, chief executive

of The News Corporation. His

Sky Television launched four

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channels a year ago.

Overspending by councils |\$1bn TV venture in US may hit £3bn, Patten says

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

billion overshoot on what the Government considered to be reasonable under the community charge, Mr Chris Patten said vesterday.

The Secretary of State for the Environment, responding to rising Conservative concern over poll tax estimates. made plain that the Government would fulfil its responsibilities to cap "outrageous" community charges. He declined, however, to disclose

Fund advice

'unlawful'

The Government has been

forced to revise its guidance

on the operation of its £203

million Social Fund after the

writes).

Local authority spending The £3 billion figure would be However, Whitehall sources could be heading for a £3 10 per cent above what the say that suggestions that he Government regards as reasonable for local authority expenditure next year.

Mr Patten's warning came amid strong indications that

Political sketch...

he will be seeking a substantial increase in resources for local authorities in 1991/92 from the Treasury to lessen the political damage done to the Government by the charge. the extent of planned capping.

say that suggestions that he will be looking for a £2 billion increase are only guesswork.

Senior Conservative MPs believe that the likelihood of such a large overshoot means it is certain Mr Patten will win a large increase.

Many believe that the Govcommunity charge in many areas were wildly unrealistic. The Government's estimate

for local authority spending next year of £32.8 billion was Continued on page 24, col 7

Waldegrave defends line on Pretoria sanctions

By Our Chief Political Correspondent

defended its decision to go it High Court ruled yesterday that existing guidelines were "unlawful" (Jill Sherman alone over relaxing sanctions against South Africa as the Labour Party claimed that it amounted to a "miserable humiliation" for Britain.

However, the Department of Social Security said last Mr William Waldegrave, night that ministers may de-Minister of State at the Forcide to replace the "defective" eign Office, said it was im-portant to make a "symbolic but practical response" to President de Klerk's reform guidance with a directive instructing local officers how to manage the scheme of grants and loans to stay within moves. And he attacked the budget. The pattern of awards would not change. "humbug" that was spoken Guidelines illegal, page 6 Law Report, page 42 about sanctions.

But there were strong signs

The Government yesterday yesterday of Conservative unease about the Government's decision to defy its EC partners and to lift the ban on new

> Two Conservatives, Mr Ivor Stanbrook and Mr Peter Temple-Morris, headed a motion signed by more than 100 MPs criticizing the decision.

investment in South Africa.

After a report from Mr Douglas Hurd, Foreign Sec-retary, the Cabinet is expected to confirm the decision at its weekly meeting today.

"Dirty tricks", page 9 Parliament, page 12

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Mr Rupert Murdoch is help-have great confidence in the ing to launch up to 108 proposed Hughes technology,

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satellite channels in the US.

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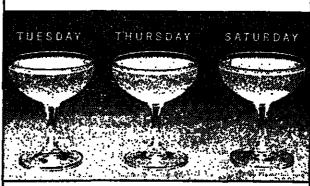
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Britain accused of 'stab in the back' over ivory



By Michael McCarthy Environment Correspondent

Britain's decision last month to exempt the huge Hong Kong ivory stockpile from the world ban on the ivory trade has led directly to an upsurge in elephant poaching in Africa, Dr Richard Leakey. director of the Kenyan Wildlife Service, said yesterday.

The decision was "a disaster" which had sent a message to poachers and traders all over Africa and in the Middle East that ivory could again be sold, Dr Leakey said. Speaking in London on a world tour to raise funds for Kenya's national parks, Dr Leakey said: "The British Government decision has almost nullified the gains made in trying to save the African elephant over the last six months. It is a stab in the back for equivalent to the tusks of about 70,000 everyone concerned." equivalent to the tusks of about 70,000 elephants, was at one stage thought to be

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, decided in January to exempt for six months the 670 tonnes of ivory held by merchants in Hong Kong from the ban agreed at the October conference

Elephants' defender...

in Lausanne, Switzerland, of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species. The ban, which came into force on

January 18, is intended to ensure the survival of the African elephant, whose numbers have crashed catastrophically at the hands of poachers from 1.3 million 10 years ago to just over 600,000 today. The Hong Kong stockpile,

elephants, was at one stage thought to be worth about £84 million. Hong Kong officials told the Lausanne conference that 3,000 carvers and workers depended on it for their livelihood.

Dr Leakey said yesterday that in the period from last May to early January Kenya had lost fewer than 60 elephants to poachers, but in the past month alone, since the British decision on Hong Kong, between 30 and 40 animals had been killed. "There is no question at all that there is a direct link," he said.

Last night the Foreign Office rejected Dr Leakey's charge. It said that no ivory whatsoever was permitted to be imported into Hong Kong. "We have absolute confidence in the Hong Kong Government's system of controls."

'Catastrophic effect' if ambulance pay talks collapse

dispute were last night warned that failure to achieve a peace settlement at today's talks could have a "catastrophic" effect on the service.

The warning, from Mr Vernon Jolliffe, leader of the Association of Chief Ambulance Officers, came as representatives from both sides prepared for the meeting of the industry's Whitley Council in a mood of con-

trolled optimism. Although both sides refused to give details of the skeleton agreement reached during the talks at the offices of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service on Monday night, it is understood the unions have virtually ac-cepted they will not achieve the pay bargaining mechanism which has been central to their

One leading union source said last night; "There may be a form of words to fudge the issue but we are not expecting the kind of mechanism we wanted to tie our rates in future to inflation and to firefighters and policemen."

He added: "Because of the hardship suffered there will be a lot of anger although there will probably be a small majority in favour of ending the issue".

In return for watering down that demand, the union leaders are thought to have been offered a two-year deal worth about 15 per cent which would add about £23 million to the NHS wage bill. They had been asking for a one-year 11.4 per per cent rise against the 9 per

by the management. suggestion enabling them to be paid more money would be the restoration of full over-

time rates for weekend and unsocial hours working. There is also likely to be a disaster for the patient." agreement on additional pay-ments for more highly skilled paramedical staff, giving them rises of more than 16 per cent

in London and more than 14 per cent elsewhere. Mr Jolliffe said: "Having seen hopes built up, it would be catastrophic if the next few days failed to deliver a

"My fear is that more and more staff will go on strike or

A disaster of this kind must not be allowed to happen 9

even leave the service unless there is a quick settlement". Since the dispute began, scores of ambulance workers most of whom earn £10,093 a year, have left for better paid

An immediate indication of anger over reports that the pay mechanism may be dropped came from Merseyside where crews have voted for an

indefinite strike. One shop steward said: "It will be a total waste of time if we accept a deal which does not include a pay formula." Mr David Skinner, head of the casualty department at St Bartholomew's Hospital,

Both sides in the ambulance cent over 18 months offered ing the dispute there had been dispute were last night warned by the management. It is understood that one every main London accident and emergency department.

disaster for the ambulance service, a disaster for accident and emergency medicine and

Mr David Ferguson, consul-tant in accident and emergency medicine at the Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield, dismissed fears that people had been left to die during the dispute. "There was a lot of concern

that folk were dying in the street which really did not make sense.

"We were never able to prove that our mortality figires were higher than prior to ● A Red Cross ambulance

driver who was involved in a crash as he answered an emergency call during the dispute is to face court action. Police have summonsed Mr Anthony Pownall to appear before magistrates at Solihull, West Midlands, to answer a

charge of driving without due care and attention. Mr Pownall was at the wheel of a Red Cross ambulance which was standing in for striking crews last November when it was involved in a head-on smash with a car near

woman motorist was slightly The crash in Lode Lane, Solihull, was near the headquarters of the West Midlands ambulance service and ambulance men in dispute went London, estimated that dur- to the aid of injured drivers.

Solihull town centre. A

Sellafield workers' cancer teach-in



Nuclear warning: Professor Martin Gardner, second from left, with Sellafield conveners Mr Bill Robinson, Mr Bernard Owens and Mr Gary Stoddart, after explaining the implications of his report linking nuclear workers with child cancer.

Mob prevents arrest of IRA suspects

By Edward Gorman, Irish Affairs Correspondent

Security forces were unable to hold three suspected IRA terrorists caught while apparently trying to shoot down an army helicopter in Northern Ireland. The soldiers were surrounded and stoned by an angry mob.

An Army Wessex helicopter gave chase after the pilot spotted the men carrying what appeared to be heavy machine-guns near the village of Cullyhanna in South Armagh on Tuesday. At least two members of the gang were believed to be still on the run last

The pilot followed the men along country lanes as they fled, hijacking a number of cars and discarding weapons

by the roadside in the process. Eventually the pilot put down the aircraft, allowing a 12-man army and police patrol he was carrying to arrest a number of men in the village of Silverbridge, about six miles from where they were originally spotted.

According to security sources, a hostile crowd gathered around the soldiers, and they were stoned, preventing them taking the arrested men from the scene. The suspects escaped. However, police said last night that a number of men have since been detained for questioning in connection with the incident,

Last night a big army and police search was still under way for members of the

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gang, believed to have consisted of four men. Weapons recovered on the roadside included two 7.62mm high velocity machine-guns and three rifles. Security sources believe the gang must have been about to launch an attack either on an army helicopter or a permanent vehicle checkpoint (PVCP) on the border.

In December an IRA team killed two soldiers and seriously wounded a third, during an attack on a PVCP in Co

 Police uncovered a haul of arms and ammunition hidden in a grave in a cemetery in west Belfast yesterday. Six rifles, a shotgun, a handgun and arms and silencers were found in a cemetery.

Sentences 'based on inaccurate records'

By Frances Gibb Legal Affairs

Defendants are being sen-tenced on the basis of criminal records which are in a "terrifying state of inaccuracy", the Commons Home Affairs Committee investigating the Crown Prosecuting Service were told last night.

Mr Anthony Edwards, Secretary of the London Criminal Courts Solicitors' Association, said that this state of affairs was "very worrying". It put an enormous burden on defence lawyers, who often found themselves with more up-todate information than the court on their clients' criminal

Mr Stephen Ridley, a former senior Crown prosecutor and secretary of the Law Society's Criminal Law Committee, said it was extraordinary that if a vehicle was stopped on the road the police could find out who owned it within seconds. "And yet criminal records are not being kept up to date."

Most courts were obliged to sentence on the basis of inaccurate information, which cannot be in the interest of justice.

The chairman of the Home Affairs Committee, Mr John Wheeler, said the committee was "very concerned" about the evidence it had received on the state of the criminal records and would be addressing the issue in the course of its inquiry.

Another concern raised by the lawyers were the delays caused because of wrong records. Mr Edwards said much time was wasted obtaining the right records from the police computer at Swansea.

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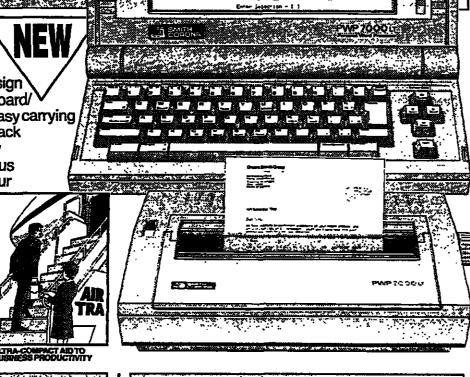
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Poison cylinders found on beaches

NEWS ROUNDUP

Fifteen miles of Sussex coastline were closed yesterday as emergency squads in protective clothing and gas masks scoured the beaches for containers of potassium cyanide, a chemical whose vapours are fatal. Two white plastic cylinders each containing a litre of the chemical were found washed up near the Palace Pier at Brighton, and four others at Newhaven, Hove, Ovingdean and Cuckmere Haven.

Police, broadcasting warnings from a helicopter, cleared Brighton seafront, which was crowded with people enjoying bright sunshine and temperatures of 12 degrees C. Elsewhere fresh gales hit Britain again. In Stoke-on-Trent. a freak tornado caused more than £100,000 worth of damage, demolishing chimneys, tearing tiles from roofs, and toppling television aerials.

In south Wales the wind blew a Portakabin on to parked cars, and tore the roof off a house in Beddau, Mid-Glamorgan, On the Severn Bridge a lorry was blown over.

Hint on Ulster talks

The Anglo-Irish agreement cannot be suspended pending talks on political progress in the province, as demanded by Unionists, Mr Gerard Collins, the Irish Foreign Minister, said yesterday after meeting Mr Peter Brooke, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. While Mr Brooke feels there may be enough common ground for preliminary talks between parties in Ulster both men agree the prospects amount to a "possibility rather than a probability".

Three robbers jailed

Three members of a gang who robbed a sub-post office were jailed for a total of 30 years by Exeter Crown Court yesterday. The court was told that they forced staff and customers to lie on the floor at gunpoint before fleeing with £11,000 which has not been recovered. Peter Worthington, aged 27, was jailed for 12 years, and Thomas Docherty, aged 30, and Anthony O'Donoghue, aged 22, both received nine years. All are from Torquay, Devon.

Raid by armed police Armed police yesterday raided a house in Surrey and

detained a man wanted in connection with armed robberies in Glasgow. Twenty-four officers, six of them armed, surrounded the house in Bourneside Road, Addlestone, after a tip-off from detectives in Scotland. Six other men there were being questioned as a detailed search of the premises was carried out. Officers from Strathelyde later flew to London to talk to the man.

Rival for Kasparov Gary Kasparov, the Soviet world chess champion, has found

a dangerous new rival in his 21-year-old compatriot, Boris Gelfand (Raymond Keene writes). The brilliant but still relatively unknown Gelfand shares the lead with Kasparov and another Soviet grandmaster, Boris Yusupov, with 2½ points out of three in the World Chess Federation tournament in Linares, Spain. Gelfand drew with Kasparov

Conservationists fight Pennine road schemes

Proposals to improve the Manchester, and Stockscross-Pennine route between Manchester and Sheffield would "severely damage one of the most important landscapes in Britain", the Council for the Protection of Rural England said yesterday (Our Transport

The so-called Woodhead Pass scheme is one of a series of new or proposed road projects affecting the Pennines which local residents and rural protection societies fear would have a devastating impact on the Peak District National

The Woodbead Pass proposal, contained in the new roads report Trunk Roads -England: Into the 1990s, published on Tuesday, calls for the improvement of the A616-A628 between Tintwistle, near

bridge, near Sheffield. Transport officials say the improvements would include little more than "straightening out bends" to make the road safer, especially in winter when it is often impassable. Miss Penny Evans, the CPRE's transport campaigner, fears bowever that the difficult terrain makes the proposed improvements un-workable, which could lead to increased pressure and the could be a new

"multi-lane all weather route". "But what we are really worried about is the principle of putting roads through national parks.

"The Government has proposed improvements to the Woodland Pass route without saying that it runs through a national park," she said.

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Navy court martial

Instructor is found guilty of ill-treating officer on exercise

Commons today after a court martial's decision that a Royal Navy instructor was guilty of ill-treating a young officer who collapsed from exhaustion during an exercise last year.

Mr Jack Ashley, Labour MP for Stoke-on-Trent South, said yesterday's decision by the court martial in Portsmouth should "spark a wind of change in the armed forces. increase vigilance against brutality and improve medical monitoring in training". His call was backed by the family of a teenage Army diver who died on a survival exercise four years ago.

At the end of the three-day hearing, the court martial dismissed Lieutenant Gordon Smith, aged 36, from his ship. the RN Survival Equipment School at Seafield Park, Hampshire. The ex-Marine instructor was said to have raised the head of Sub-Lieutenant Simon Rowland, aged 23, after he had collapsed and punched him on the back of the neck Sub-Lieutenant Rowland was in a coma for 15 days and suffered brain

Last night, the Ministry of Defence said changes had been introduced since the

Diplomat

not aware

'rich' aunt

was pauper

A former British High Comm-

issioner to Cyprus spoke yes-terday of his surprise on

learning that there was little

money left in the estate of his

once fabulously wealthy aunt. Mr William Wilberforce,

aged 60, of Markington Hall, near Ripon, North Yorkshire,

who was High Commissioner

from 1982 to 1988, said he was not told of his aunt's death

until two months after her

Birmingham Crown Court

has heard that Lady Margaret

Illingworth, a leading socialite

between the wars and the

Baron Michael de Stempel

Sophia Wilberforce, who deny

shortage of money in Lady

Illingworth's estate when he was sent a letter by the

solicitor who drew up the old

lady's second will explaining

that there might not be enough

money for him to receive a

"I was extremely surprised,

because the bulk of my aunt's

income derived from a life

interest in the Illingworth

estate under her husband's will," he said in evidence.

a former senior Law Lord, was

dismayed to learn that his

He told the court: "I was

distressed." He described

Lady Illingworth's happy mar-

riage and said: "I would have

expected her to be buried

together with her husband."

cousin had been cremated.

Lord Richard Wilberforce,

£25,000 legacy from her.

conspiring to aid the theft.

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supposedly been shot down

behind enemy lines. The ministry said the changes were designed to improve on-the-spot medical treatment for trainees and included enhanced first-aid training for instructors, better medical evacuation procedures, and the issuing of portable telephones to all supervisors. But a Navy source said: "The demanding nature of the exercises must remain because the whole idea is to train and test people for

the uncompromising con-ditions that would exist." However, Mr Ashley said more changes were necessary and called for the publication by the ministry of internal inquiries into 12 deaths and 663 injuries involving servicemen with heat stroke which, he said, had occurred in the

past decade. "The other major step is to

death or serious injury." Mr Ashley is supported by the grandparents of Vincent Anderson, aged 19, from Bath, who died while doing a "mud

A call for a fundamental overhaul of military survival incident, which occurred on run" in a diving suit. Mrs the fourth day of an exercise Nelly Anderson said: "We training will be made in the last July in the New Forest in keep reading about similar which 18 trainees were living cases and we feel something off the land after having should be done." Mud runs were abandoned after Mr Anderson's death, which an inquest recorded as

accidental. Yesterday's sentence means that Lieutenant Smith must leave his present post until his re-appointment elsewhere, and there will be a black mark on his record which could

affect future promotion. Lieutenant Smith had denied two offences under the Naval Displine Act of illtreating the sub-lieutenant. He said he had exhorted the officer, and possibly raised a fist close to his face but denied striking him or lifting him to

his feet by his hair. Mr John Parmenter, who was out walking in the New Forest, had told the court martial that he had seen the young officer stagger and then collapse. He said Lieutenant Smith had given him a small punch on the back of the head.

establish automatic courts

Lieutenant Smith told the
martial for officers responsible court he was not aware the for training which involve sub-lieutenant had failed three medicals because he was overweight. Had he known this, he said he would have been doubtful about him taking part in the course.

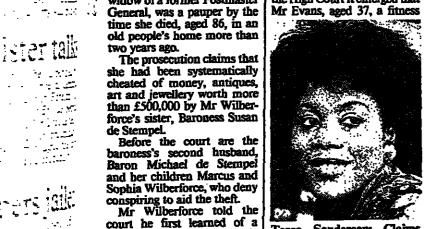
Court admission

Sanderson's lover lied to protect her

girtfriend, Tessa Sanderson the Olympic and Common-wealth javelin champion.

Miss Sanderson, aged 33, who lives with Mr Evans at Brondesbury Park, north-west London, is suing Mirror Group Newspapers, publish-ers of the Sunday Mirror and The People, over articles last March which claimed she had stolen Mr Evans from his wife. Mirror Group and two journalists, Sandra White and

Steven Warr, deny libel. After a tense exchange in ingly authorized something the High Court it emerged that that was false." Mr Evans:



Tessa Sanderson: Claims reputation was damaged

solicitors false instructions. He told them to tell his wife's solicitor that his relationship with Miss Sanderson was "purely a business one".

He agreed with Mr George Carman, QC, for Mirror Group Newspapers, that when his solicitors' letter was sent on February 17 last year he had already had sexual inter-course with Miss Sanderson. Mr Carman said: "That statement (about a purely

business relationship) was untrue, wasn't it?"Mr Evans: Yes, it was."

Mr Evans said he asked his solicitors to write to his wife's lawyer after hearing that she was offering to sell her story to The case continues today. | national newspapers.

Mr Derrick Evans admitted Mr Carman asked Mr Evyesterday that he had lied to ans if he had been prepared to protect the reputation of his lie to his solicitors to protect Miss Sanderson's reputation.

> Mr Carman: "How did you think by lying you would protect her reputation?" Mr Evans: "It was an untrue story about Tessa Sanderson." Mr Carman: "It was pain-

Mr Evans said: "In respect of

fully obvious from the letter you were trying to hide a sexual relationship with Tessa Sanderson." Mr Evans: "I was not trying to hide the fact." Mr Carman: "You know-

Mr Carman asked Mr Evans about the Tee and Dee Management, intials of the management company he runs. Mr Evans said he wanted to create the image that it was Tessa Sanderson and Daley Thompson. Mr Carman: "So the image

to the public was that this company was Tessa Sanderson and Daley Thompson. That was dishonest wasn't it?" questioned Mr Carman.Mr Évans: "Yes, it was."

Mr Carman: "You were misleading the public?"Mr Evans: "No, in terms of other business people."
Mr Carman: "Wasn't that

shameful?" Mr Evans: "Yes, in retrospect * Mr Carman, opening the defendants' case, said that Miss Sanderson had damaged

her own reputation. He said: "No one wishes to take away the enormously

distinguished achievements of Miss Sanderson ... But by her own admission she had departed from her high moral standards she set berself." Mr Carman said they tried

to keep it quiet because "if they engaged in sex while Mr Evans was still with his wife it was a little bit more sordid. a little bit more unacceptable and a little bit more damaging to Miss Sanderson's image". The hearing continues

Break from Synod ordination fray By Clifford Longley Religious Affairs Correspondent

The number of clergy resign-

ing in protest at the ordination of women in the Church of England is likely to be of the order of 175 rather than the 2,000 sometimes estimated, the General Synod was told

Professor David McClean. chairman of the House of Laity, called the figure of 2,000, suggested by the Arch-deacon of Colchester, the Ven Ernest Stroud, "incredible to the point of irresponsibility".

Professor McClean, who is in charge of steering the Ordination of Women (Financial Provisions) Measure through the synod, said it was not difficult to work out bow many clergymen would con-sider resigning and who would therefore be entitled to financial support.

His guess, based on private conversations, evidence to the synod's revision committee and the mood of meetings called to protest at female ordination, was that not more than one in 20 would press their connection that for their opposition that far.

If female ordination was not supported by two thirds of the House of Clergy it would not be passed, he said. So if female ordination was approved, less than a third of the clergy could be presumed to be against it, ming the synod was truly representative of the opinions of the church's 10,600 stipendiary ministers.

Of the maximum of 3,533 who might be against ordainobject to the timing, son might be unsure but would accept the decision of the church and some would decide to stay in the ministry to fight on for their views. Only the remainder would seriously consider leaving.

He said his figure of 175 was not an estimate — "all I suggest is that it indicates much more accurately than any figure running into thousands, the order of magnitude of the number of those who will seriously consider

The measure he was propos-ing yesterday is designed to allow payments to be made to clergy resigning on the issue of principle, to enable them to do so, he said, with dignity and without financial hardship.

The claim that 2,000 clergymen might leave was made by Archdeacon Strond in a recent pamphlet.

Professor McClean told the synod: "Of course those principles have a price. A man or woman resigning office will pay a price, not all measurable in financial terms. But, in those terms, under these proposals the rest of the church will bear a part of that price." He said the draft meas

reflected "much that his good in the liberal Christian tradition. Nobody could say that this proposal is an example of conformity to the ways of secular society. As we have recognized all along, it dis-plays a generosity which will astonish secular employers —

The Rev Kitty Hailstone from Beverley, York, the Bishop of Bristol, the Rev Barry Rogerson, and the Rev Emmeline Ingram from Leigh-on-Sea relaxing at Deans Gardens. Derby, the Right Rev Peter Dawes, said the financial provision measure was based on the principle of preventing

women in principle, which passed its similar revision hardship. Both the Ordination of Women (Financial Provisions) Measure and the Priest (Ordination of Women) Meastage last year, emerged from the synod's debate yesterday without significant amend-ment. It would provide benefits in cash and kind, either im-mediate or deferred, to those resigning, according to a slidsure will go to the diocesan synods for their decision. Each diocesan synod will have to report back by the summer of 1991, saying whether the two measures have been accept-Typically a mid-career able to a majority in each of

clergyman might receive bene-fits eventually totalling about £50,000 in regular payments and housing help. In the first year after resigning he would receive an amount equal to his and laity. To be carried in the disceses it has to be approved by a simple majority in both year two thirds of it; and in the

The two measures will only return to the General Synod for final approval if, by that as one. Inevitably it will be A clergyman could ept to procedure, they have been leave, and claim those benefits, up to six months before agreed by a majority of the 43 the ordination of women, and

diocesan synods. They will then need twoamendment extending the lat-ter deadline indefinitely was three General Synod houses,

bury and York announced sterday that they had rejected two requests for emergency debates in the synod, arising from the leaking of a confidential report on homo-sexuality, which had been aed by the House of

Mr Barnaby Miln of Hereford dioceses had asked for an emergency debate on a resolution calling for the re-port to be published officially. The Rev David Holloway of Newcastle dioceses had wanted a debate to ask the House of Bishops to discuss its

● The Archbishops of Canter-

ndling of the issue. Mr Holloway, a member of mittee, said: "The House of Bishops is required to speak minimal doctrine and permis-

Legal point won in

'exam cheat' appeal

Mr Francis Foecke, the former to be withheld for five years.

sive ethics that is proclaimed." He said the situation at the centre of the Church of Eng-land was "grave", causing distress to church members. **PORTFOLIO**

Prize for 3 winners

There were three winners of yesterday's £2,000 Portfolio

Mr Donald Munro from Whiteparish, near Salisbury in Wiltshire, said that the money would go towards renovation of the "Old School House", which he and his wife moved into three years ago. "Since then, we have been getting the place in order when funds become available," Mr Monro, a retired bank manager, said. Mrs Marjorie Caswell of Daglingworth, Gloncester-shire, said her winnings would pay for a Rome holiday next month. "But we also have a son, daughter and two grandchildren, who will come in for some presents," she added. They share the prize with Miss Theresa Lynch of Wembley, north London.

Crystal kit tests after girl aged 11 dies

By Paul Wilkinson Scientists are attempting to discover what killed a girl, aged 11, who died after apparently drinking a toy chemical

experiment by accident.

Experts said last night it would be very difficult for anyone to take a fatal dose from a crystal garden kit by

Johanna Fanizzi from Worcester, died in hospital in the early hours of Tuesday, after swallowing the contents of a glass at her bedside. She had been admitted two hours earlier after complaining of violent stomach pains.

It is thought that in her sleepy condition she mistook the experiment for a glass of water or squash.

At the opening of an inquest yesterday Dr Geoffrey Smith, the pathologist, said he could not give a cause of death until samples had been examined by toxicologists at the West Midlands Forensic Science

Laboratory in Birmingham. West Mercia police said: "This has obviously been caused by a mix-up between Johanna's normal drink and a solution which she had manufactured."

A leading firm of analysts, Lyne, Martin and Radford, which does work for the British Standards Institution. said the basic ingredient which forms the crystals is can irritate the skin and cause gastric upset.

"The quantity of chemicals varies significantly, and a fatal quantity could be used," a spokesman said, "but it seems so unlikely that anyone would swallow enough to kill them-

Kidneys-for-sale case

up to 10 years afterwards. An

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secular world."

The measure, which is

approve the ordination of

Doctor 'unaware' of advert

An advertisement offering charges of serious professional said: "He wanted to talk to us payments to kidney donors and giving the name and telephone number of a Harley Street specialist was placed by an Omani without the doctor's knowledge, a General Medical Council committee was told yesterday.

Dr David Beresford, assistant secretary of the Medical Defence Union, described a meeting with the Omani, referred to as Mr A M. He said the man was of Arab appearance and aged about 28. He said Mr A M wanted to

make a statement about his sister's renal disease and the advertisement in Al-Ahram, an Egyptian newspaper circulated in London. The GMC professional con-

misconduct against Dr Raymond Crockett, a kidney specialist; Mr Michael Bewick, a transplant surgeon; Mr A M said Dr Crockett had and Mr Michael Joyce, a not known anything about prologist. All three deny the placing the advertisement. charges which relate to alleged payments to kidney donors.

Dr Beresford said Mr A M told him his sister had been seriously ill and had consulted Dr Crockett for many years. She had been given one renai transplant which had failed, had returned to London at about the time the advertisement was placed, and had died after a further attempted transplant in India.

At a meeting in Dublin in October last year, Mr A M said he wanted to discuss the duct committee is hearing advertisement. Dr Beresford today.

because he felt that he had got Dr Crockett into trouble and he wanted to put things right."

for the GMC, asked Dr

Mr Roger Henderson, QC

Beresford if there was any reason, apart from his fear of getting into trouble, why Mr A M should be unwilling to give evidence."I remember him saying he found it difficult to talk about these things," Dr Beresford said. Mr Anthony Arlidge, QC for Dr Crockett, said it would be wrong to suppose he was unwilling to give evidence because he was lying.

The bearing continues

Bristol University student ac- Mr Foecke is appealing cused of cheating in examina- against that decision and tions, yesterday won an maintains his innocence. important legal point in his attempts to clear his name. Mr Jones said the 1986 attempts to clear his name.

The panel hearing his appeal ruled that admissible 48 questions the veracity of evidence should be restricted which had never been doubtto three questions on which he ed. Some of these questions he had been convicted of cheat- said "pointed away from guilt ing, rather than nine as sugested by the Board of Examiners. A hearing in 1986 had

effectively cleared Mr Foecke better than the outlined solof cheating in six more utions drafted - a fact con-

Mr Alun Jones, QC, counsel for Mr Foecke, had pointed out during two days of legal argument that Professor Michael Furmston, the tri-bunal's chairman, had two ment, Mr Jones said, was years ago ruled that Mr never put before the tribunal Foecke had been "convicted three and a half years ago. on three questions and acquitted on the other six".

He told Professor Furmston "The Board of Examiners is line solutions had not been Mr Foecke sat an unprece-

answered 57 questions in his finals during the summer of 1986. He obtained exceptional results in all, as with a thesis.

Because he was found to not seen them." have cheated the university awarded an ordinary degree, sity's appeal machinery.

There was also evidence in algebraic theory, that the out-

There were cases where Mr

Foecke gained full marks for

questions as his answers were

In one paper an examiner

has said he was convinced that

Mr Foecke did not and could

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rather than to it".

trying to persuade you to reverse a ruling given on two previous occasions." kept in a filing cabinet with other papers which it is suggested Mr Foccke saw. Professor Geoffrey Grimdented 13 papers in computer mett, professor of statistics at science with mathematics and Bristol University, yesterday Bristol University, yesterday began giving his evidence. He said: "I have always looked for

The hearing continues torefused to award him an day. If Mr Foecke loses he will honours degree. Instead they have exhausted the univer-

a reasonable explanations, but

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By Craig Seton and Stewart Tendler

Police hunting the IRA unit cular build and walks with a which tried to blow up an slight limp.

Army van in Leicester city Yesterday centre issued an artist's impression last night of a man seen close to the car park where the van was kept

The impression was re-leased as the IRA claimed responsibility for the attack. The man, aged between 45 and 50, was seen by a woman on both Monday and Tuesday morning at about 8.50 am opposite the car park where

parked before the explosion on Tuesday. The picture resembles Patrick Sheehy who has been wanted by Scotland Yard since December 1988 when he and another man identified as their goard for there are likely John Conaty allegedly abanto be more attacks."

high explosive there.

Yesterday police said the Leicester man could be totally innocent but needed to be traced. He was described as being between 5ft 10in and 6ft. and of slim and athletic build, clean shaven with light brown bair which was neat and tidy.

As Scotland Yard's antiterrorist branch worked with Leicester police yesterday Mr David Waddington, the Home Secretary, added his voice to the Army Sherpa van was police calls for greater public vigilance. Mr Waddington said: "This

appears to be another diabolical enterprise by the IRA which this time went slightly wrong. Everybody must be on

doned a bomb factory in a Mr Tony Butler, the assissouth London flat. Police tant chief constable of discovered 150lbs of Semtex Leicestershire, said the terrorist who planted the bomb had Sheeby is described as 25 no inought for other people. Sheeby is described as 25 no inought for other people. Sheeby is described as 25 no inought for other people. Sheeby is described as 25 no inought for other people. Sheeby is described as 25 no inought for other people. Sheeby is described as 25 no inought for other people. Sheeby is described as 25 no inought for other people. Sheeby is described as 25 no inought for other people. Sheeby is described as 25 no inought for other people. Sheeby is described as 25 no inought for other people. Sheeby is described as 25 no inought for other people. Sheeby is described as 25 no inought for other people. Sheeby is described as 25 no inought for other people. Sheeby is described as 25 no inought for other people. Sheeby is described as 25 no inought for other people. Sheeby is described in them to all drivers in service explosion that resulted in them to all drivers in service hair, prominent teeth, a mass-



An artist's impression of the man police want to trace (left) and a photograph of Patrick Sheehy issued last May. went off in a side street. If it sington, west London, but fell had exploded in a main thoroughfare the results could

have been devastating." Mr Butler confirmed that the bomb was similar to a lunch-box and attached to its device intended for Li-Gen Sir David Ramsbotham, Commander UK Field Army, last November. That device, con-



off and failed to detonate. The bomb is a standard IRA booby trap device made from

Sentex explosive, placed into target with a powerful magnet. In Northern Ireland the device has killed or maimed up to a score of victims.

injured, though not seriously. Mr Butler strongly criticized Mr Keith Vaz, the Labour MP for Leicester East, for claiming in the Commons hours after the blast that the device was being carried in an Army vehicle. Mr Vaz was accused by senior police offi-

this afternoon. An Army bomb was strapped to the back of a from the bombs is now taken Sherpa vehicle driven by an so seriously that the Ministry

the car park behind a joint which raises questions of why careers office, where it had been parked. The driver, Sergeant Kerry Finch, aged 32, of the Women's Royal major city in Britain." Army Corps, her passenger an NCO in the Coldstream Mr Butler met Mr Vaz in Leicester yesterday and after-wards said that the MP rec-Guards, and a civilian were

ognized he was in error.

After the meeting, Mr Vaz

said that two theories had initially been put forward; one that it was an "Army device on the vehicle" and the other that it was a terrorist attack. He said he had called Leicestershire police on Tuescers of confusing potential witnesses and possibly impedday and spoken to several officers. "These allegations

ing the investigation. were given to me and it was Mr Vaz had told MPs: "I right that they should be have been informed that a raised." bomb exploded in Leicester The threat to British servicemen in West Germany

Army officer. of Defence is buying 50,000
"Apparently it fell off the devices for checking the back of the lorry and caused an underside of cars and issuing

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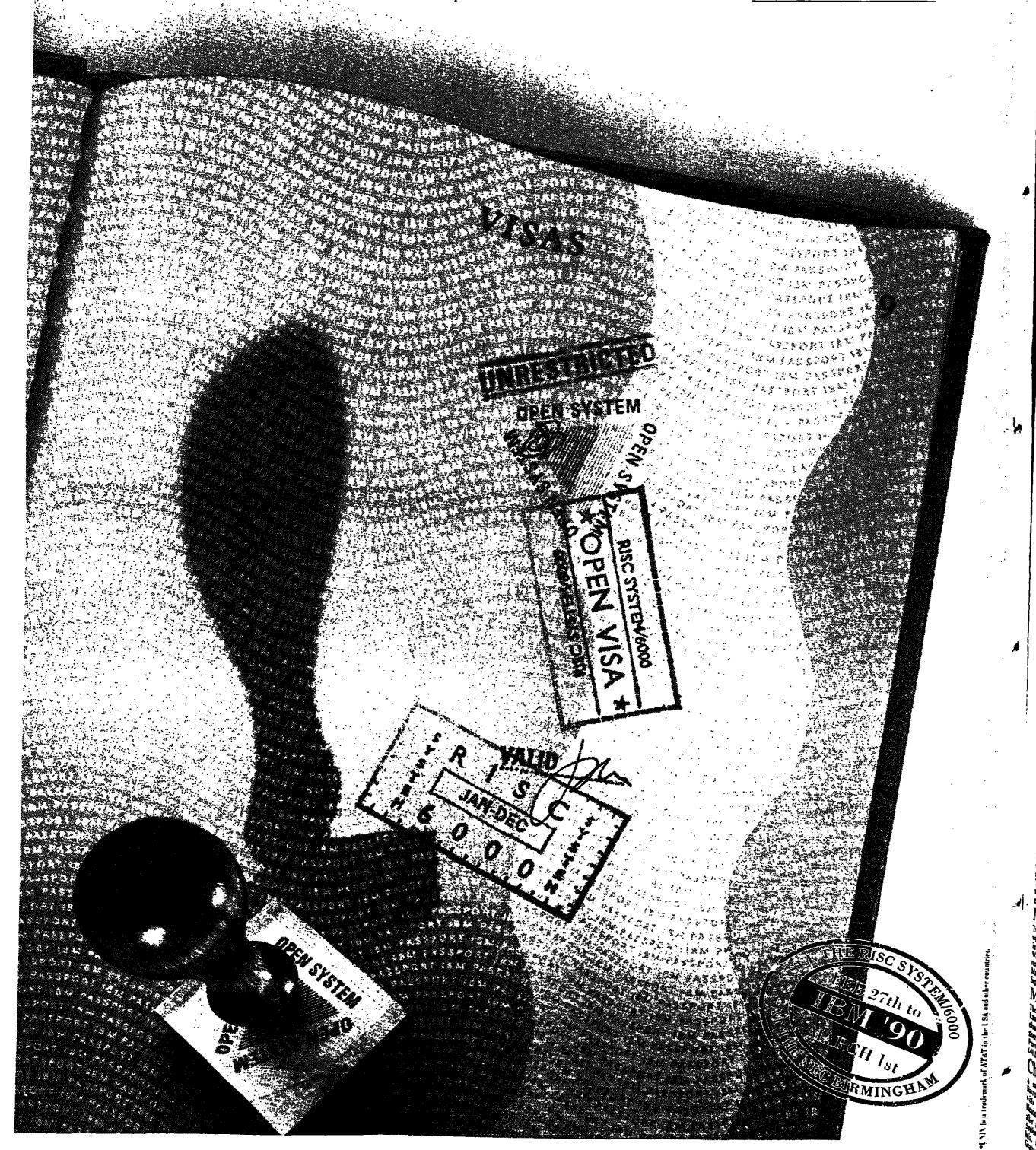
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The Geevor tin mine at Land's End, Cornwall, which after a three-hour operation.
Stephen Rye, of Bedworth,
Warwickshire, received severe closed last week because of a slump in the price of tin, owes Penwith Council more than £41,000 in rates.

Charge delay

A man will appear before Barrow magistrates charged with the murder of Bertha Hemming, aged 95, who died after a fire at her house in Bedford Street, Barrow, Cum-bria, in 1984. David Jack Graham, aged 22, has no fixed

Bottomley turns to YTS in search for nurses of the future

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

A new drive to increase the mated 100,000 auxiliaries and to distressing cases on wards number of Youth Training helpers will be eligible to too soon. Scheme places in the health become the new assistants. service was launched yes-School leavers coming in on terday to ease the nurse recruitment crisis.

the YT schemes starting in May, would be able to work The move coincided with towards qualifications for preliminary results from six health care assistants and, in pilot studies showing that YTS trainees had worked the long term, towards pro-fessional qualifications. successfully in clinical areas, taking on various nursing

corner its share of the young

labour force and compete effectively with other big

districts took part.

The step also foreshadows

the introduction of unquali-

summer. They will replace

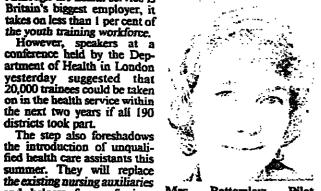
the existing nursing auxiliaries

and helpers for professions allied to medicine. An esti-

Only 50 health authorities

Mr John Atkins from Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte, said health authorities could offset Mrs Virginia Bottomley, Minister for Health, said that with impending skill shortages the costs of health care assistant training by using YT the health service had to

Mrs Bottomley admitted there had been "some doubt" as to whether trainees should work in front-line clinical eas. Professional organizations such as the Royal are directly participating in youth training schemes, which involve only 2,000 trainees. Although the health service is



Bottomley: Pilot

Heading towards cigarette-free target

Health campaigners yesterday urged the Chancellor of the Exchequer to put 20p on the a packet of cigarettes and to

remove tobacco from the Re-tail Price Index as his contribution to No Smoking Day. The nation's collective effort to give up will take place on March 14, less than a week before the Budget

Mr David Simpson, of Action on Smoking and Health, said: "There is evidence that tobacco consumption in Britain, which between 1980 and 1986 declined more rapidly than anywhere else in the world, is now on the increase.

terday any scheme would have

supervised. But results from

the pilot schemes - in

Ayrshire and Arran, Barnsley, Gwynedd, Rochdale, North Staffordshire and Wands-

worth - were encouraging, she

and dressing patients, feeding

and getting patients up, mak-ing beds and preparing menus.

They have been working in a

number of clinical areas,

including acute and long-stay

general and mental health wards, children's wards and

physiotherapy, occupational

the new health care assistants would be expected to take on much wider nursing duties

such as taking blood pressure

taking temperatures and using

catheters and drips, under

supervision. Discussions are

continuing over whether they should administer drugs.

mitted staff will be harder

than ever to come by over the next few years," Mrs Bottom-

ley said. "The Youth Training Scheme and the com-

plementary initiative of health

care assistants provide

opportunities for the NHS to

secure its share of what is

"Well-motivated and com-

and x-ray departments. Department officials said

Trainees have been washing

"A 15p price rise would put the cost of smoking back to the peak levels it then reached. But it will have to go much higher if smoking, which kills in the same proportions as cholera did in the last century, is not to re-emerge as an

At a press conference to publicize the day, Mr Simpso said the Government would not be reluctant to save the hearts and lungs of smokers through their pockets on the ground that higher taxation of tobacco would mean a cut in consumption. In 1987-88 to-bacco yielded the Treasury about £6 billion.

"Tobacco now accounts for only 4 per cent of total government revenue, as op-posed to 16 per cent in 1948," he said. "Besides, we've never yet been blessed with a Chancellor who couldn't find another source of money when one dries up.

Baroness Hooper, Under-Secretary of State in the Department of Health, said she hoped that the seventh



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year's, when an estimated 50,000 adult smokers, 18 per cent of those who tried, gave up for good, compared with stop." though there are still 12 million smokers, representing 31 per cent of women and 35 per cent of men, it is thought

that at least two-thirds want to Lady Hooper said: "No Smoking Day is valuable

Getting to grips with the problem: Anne Robinson at the No Smoking Day press launch. because it is a stimulus to make the big decision, giving them a specific day on which to

> This year's campaign in-cludes television advertisements urging smokers to "Quit and Win". They feature the actors Frank Windsor and Geraldine James, Anne Robinson the BBC presenter, and three members of the

who would all like to be ex-Miss Robinson, who started

20 years ago and now gets "I'm tired of being frowned on and lectured and sick of people being shocked that I smoke.

"I'm also looking forward to having more free time. Smokers waste so much time sitting

University research cash boost 'essential'

By Thomson Prentice Science Correspondent

University researchers are having to work with about £100 million worth of obsolete equipment and extra government spending on science is essential, according to a report by the Advisory Board for the Research Councils (ABRC) published yesterday.
It says 14 per cent of

research equipment in British universities and polytechnics is inadequate, mainly through obsolescence. Although threequarters of the equipment is in good working condition, more than a third is ten or more years old and 17 per cent of it is either in poor condition or

The findings, the result of a comprehensive survey, show "serious deficiences". "One item in seven is no longer adequate for its purpose and university scientists could spend an extra £260 million on equipment," the report says.

Sir David Phillips, chairman of the ABRC said: There is no doubt that some further ncrease in government spending on science is essential. Only then will the research councils be able to invest in equipment at the rate needed to sustain scientific excellence in the UK."

The survey covered the non-clinical science and engineering departments of 59 iniversities and university colleges, and five poly-technics, and estimated the ment at £700 million.

College dispute

Lecturers urged to ballot on pay offer

By Douglas Broom, Education Reporter

Local authority employers gencies and employers want to yesterday appealed for an end remove the "emergencies to the 19-month-old lecturers' pay dispute which has affected hree million students in colleges of technology and further

Mr Neil Fletcher, leader of the employers' side on the National Joint Council for lecturers in England and Wales, called on the National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education to ballot members on a 8.5 per cent pay offer. He said the association had not held a since the employers' opening offer of 5.3 per cent in 1988.

union members are reru ing to set or mark examination in education by taking college papers or to undertake any courses and employers will be continuous assessment in protest at a pay offer made last of existing courses and to use November. Since then the employers have improved the offer for the 17 months from April last year to this September from 8 per cent, plus a £700 one-off payment, to an across-the-board rise of 8.5 per cent on all grades.

Mr Fletcher said he believed

ocalization consess and to use colleges for training. Mr John MacGregor, the Secretary of State for Education and Science, announcing the formation of a national further education marketing unit, said: "It is vital that Britain's workforce starts preparing now for the skills we

most lecturers would now will need in the 21st century. accept the new offer which would increase the salary of a

only" rule. The lecturers' association has offered to take the dispute over hours to arbitration and believes a pay deal could be concluded if the hours' issue was out of the way. Mr Fletcher says the union knows the employers' proposals are

Mr Fletcher's appeal coincided with the announce-ment of a £100,000 government intiative to help further education colleges proballot of its 140,000 members mote themselves to employers in local authority colleges and potential students. Television and radio commercials will be used to encourage encouraged to make more use

Mr Fletcher said he believed preparing now for the skills we

The £100,000 was intended to be "pump priming" and industry would be expected to

A boy aged six who was

savaged by a neighbour's Alsatian was recovering in hospital

cuts on his head and left ear.

A man was crushed to death

when the fork-lift truck he was

driving fell on him. David Watkinson, aged 23, was working at the CMB Packaging factory, in Burton Road, Sutton in Ashfield,

Truck death

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would increase the salary of a lecturer at the top of the main scale to £16,674 and put senior lecturers on £20,127 a year. The union has objected to the employers' attempts to link the pay offer to changes in work practices which would give college principals the right to require lecturers to teach for up to 23½ hours a convert. At present lecturers can only be required to teach for State for Education, said At present lecturers can Howarth, Under Secretary of only be required to teach for State for Education, said 21 hours, except in emer- yesterday. Tour operator fined A tour operator has been fined £1,500 by magistrates in Nottingham and ordered to pay £300 compensation to a family who arrived at their hotel in Benidorm, Spain,to find the swimming pool still being built. ILG Travel Ltd, a holding company which owns Intasum, were also ordered to pay £270 costs after admitting a breach of the Trade Descriptions Act. Mrs Jacqueline Orrill of Arnold, Nottingham, booked a week's family holiday on the basis of an Intasun brochure which described the hotel as having a pool with terrace. Child killed Sea rescue A helicopter from the RAF base at Bawdry, South Wales, rescued 20 crew from a cargo ship in the Atlantic yesterday. The Toledo began taking in water 150 miles from the Irish row, Cumbria. Man charged Murder hunt A man was charged with the murder of his 10-week-old son by Liverpool magistrates. James Badley, aged 46, of Laurel Grove, Toxteth, who denies the charge, was remanded in custody for a week. Two Scotland Yard detectives will leave for Kenya today to investigate the murder of Julie Ward, aged 28, whose charred remains were found in the Masai Mara Game Park in September 1988. Dog attack



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Labour warns BBC | Flamboyant defender of the elephants to resist 'bullying' in run-up to election

By Richard Evans and Philip Webster

Tory groups and newspapers could be another attempt to intimidate programme makers in the run-up to a general election, Labour party chiefs warned yesterday.

A letter reflecting the views of Mr Neil Kinnock was sent to Mr John Birt, deputy director general, insisting that the whole process of bullying the BBC has got to be stopped in its tracks".

Mr Birt said last night that the BBC would resist firmly any undue pressure from wherever it came, but that did not mean the corporation would close its ears to

The intervention of the Labour Party follows the recent publication of a report by the Media Monitoring Unit, a right-of-centre group, and an article by Lord Wyatt in The Times, both of which accused Radio 4's *Today* programme of anti-Government bias.

Mr Peter Mandelson, Labour's director of campaigns and communications, wrote to Mr Birt expressing growing concern about the BBC's response to the attacks being mounted on its journalism by the Government and Tory-supporting bodies and

It was imperative that the up programme makers prior They will not be BBC stood up for its editorial to polling day. "My worry is nor will the BBC."

Recent attacks on the BBC by independence and rebuffed that a similar exercise is being the attempts being made to mounted again. Since then, undermine its journalistic the BBC has faced the addiself-confidence, he said.

the attacks mounted by a group of right wingers with a video recorder who call themselves the Media Monitoring Unit as well as by the peer, Lord Wyatt, writing in Rupert Murdoch's papers.

"I think many would question whether it is right for the BBC to be so worried by these attacks given that both the Conservative party and Mr Murdoch have a long track record of hostility to the BBC and arguably they should not be given any credence by your

"It might be more appro-priate simply to dismiss these attacks for what they are attempts by builies to subborn

"I am particularly concerned because I fear history is repeating itself."

Mr Mandelson said he had learnt from Tory sources that the sustained and systematic attack on BBC journalism before the last general elec-tion, headed by Mr Norman Tebbit, had been carried out with the objective of intimidating the BBC and softening

tional problem of its funding "In recent weeks, the BBC and very existence questioned has decided to take seriously by the Government and this threat to its future inevitably contributes to the insecurity and vulnerability of the BBC."

Mr Mandelson urged Mr Birt to spell out how the BBC intended to tackle bullying. "I hope you can convincingly describe how you are doing this so that we and the public can be reassured, before we consider what further action would be appropriate."

Mr Birt said last night: "The BBC will resist firmly any undue pressure from wherever it comes — and pressure comes from many directions. We will examine criticism carefully; we will learn from it if it is wellaimed; and we will reject it if it is not

"As you are on occasion a complainant yourself, I trust you would not want it any other way.'

The deputy director general said the BBC wanted its journalists not only to be straight, accurate, fair and impartial, but also vigorous, lively and tough-minded.

"They know the BBC will support them when they are.

World Service computer boost

By Our Media Editor

One of the world's biggest text-handling computers has been installed at the BBC's monitoring headquarters at Caversham to keep pace with the information flowing from Eastern Europe.

The system, which can process up to 5,000 news items a day, will enable the World Service to satisfy subscribers' growing demand for information gathered from television, radio and news agency reports worldwide.
"We are already seeing a growth of business

from City investment houses and stockbrokers with developing interests in Eastern Europe," Mr Barry Whitehall, general manager of BBC monitoring, said yesterday. The computer system - part of a £10

million investment scheme opened yesterday by the Duke of Kent - has been backed up by the recruitment of an additional 14 monitor-

Mr John Tusa, managing director of the World Service, said yesterday: "Such is the speed of developments in the former socialist bloc, that we shall need still more monitors to

News material is delivered to customers in

three ways: a "flash" news service is maintained round-the-clock; a 90,000-word summary of world broadcasts is published daily; and weekly economic reports on industrial, scientific and agricultural developments are broadcasting news.

 The Government is being urged to protect community radio stations from being swallowed-up" by big networks.

"Community groups who win licences need legal protection from takeover by larger (profit-making) radio stations or other commercial companies," Mr Steve Byrom, chairman of the Community Radio Association, said yesterday.

"Otherwise the UK is likely to repeat the. French experience where in a matter of two years the small stations were all swallowed up by the seven large networks."

An amendment to the Broadcasting Bill drafted by the association defines a community radio body as one which pays a limited return on capital and whose assets can be transferred only to another non-profit



Dr Richard Leakey, pictured with an Asian elephant from London Zoo, aims to raise £75 million to stop the poachers. By Michael McCarthy, Environment Correspondent

poken director of the Kenyan Wildlife Service, who yes-terday fiercely criticised the Government over its decision to allow the Hong Kong ivory stockpile to be traded, will in May be presenting the £5,000 Environment Award, jointly sponsored by The Times and BBC Radio 4's PM pro-

"The award is for the contribution of ordinary people, and it's ordinary ple making a little bit of effort that's going to make the planet a better place," he said

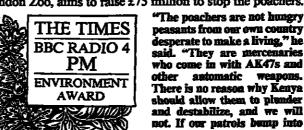
that The Times and the BBC are doing this. Conservation is ngly an issue for the people. I think that state leadership around the world has shown that it is not

Dr Richard Leakey, the out- the importance of environ-"In the case of the African elephant it's the people who are going to make all the

With one flamboyant ges ture, Dr Leakey captured the attention of the world last year as he set about the task of saving Kenya's berds of eleextinction at the hands of

He persuaded Mr Daniel Arap Moi. the President of Kenya, to set fire personally to the country's stockpile of confiscated ivery, worth millions

What it lost Kenya in foreign exchange, the July ivory pyre made up for in ng world opinion behind the campaign to ban the has shown that it is not ivory trade. The move was terday to appeal for funds, Dr telephone number for the particularly adept at judging typical of Dr Leakey, the Leakey defended his policy: people nominated is essential.



former director of the National Museum of Kenya, who was appointed by the Kenyan government last April to take charge of the country's Wildlife Service, which is beleaguered by poachers armed ing over the border from

He has taken the war to the poachers, warning from the start that his own men would shoot to kill. In London yes-

"The poachers are not hungry peasants from our own country desperate to make a living," he said. "They are mercenaries who come in with AK47s and other automatic weapons. There is no reason why Kenya should allow them to plunder and destabilize, and we will

them, they shoot." Dr Leakey will be presenting The Times/PM Environent Award in a ceremony at Broadcasting House on Tuesday May 8. Entries are now flooding in.

Nominations, which should be limited to 250 words and typewritten if possible, should be sent to: The Times/PM Environment Award, PO Box London E1 9XN. People may graphs, which are non-return-able, will help, and a daytime

Workmen race to save* village at mercy of the sea

By Paul Wilkinson

No one will be listening to storm warnings more acutely for the next three weeks than the people of the Devon coastal hamlet of Beesands. Until emergency repairs are completed to its sea defences the village is under threat of

shore gales blow. A neighbouring village of Halisands was swept into the sea in similar circumstances in the great storm of 1917.

extinction when the next on-

Already this winter's storms have scoured away Beesands' shingle beach to a depth of 15ft, sending the village's breakwater of huge boulders tumbling.

Workmen from the National Rivers Authority are restoring the sea wall but they do not expect to finish until well into next month.

Every day lorries bring rocks weighing up to eight tons to the village near Dartmouth but the men can work only at low tide, giving them a maximum of four hours a day.

The defences were originally installed in 1979 after previous storm damage.
One of Beesands' 120 vil-

lagers. Mr Frank Crocker, aged 72, whose cottage is feet from the shoreline, said: "In the last lot of storms the sea was breaking over the road and against the houses. "We had to board up the

houses and sandbag the doors, "If it had been allowed to go on I think we would evenmally have been washed away like Hallsands was. I have lived here all my life and we have never had such a prolonged series of storms as this

"If it were not for the sea defences the whole village would have gone years ago. It 🌲 is a bit worrying living with the sea on our doorstep, but we are feeling safer now the boulders are being built up

Beesands is still used as a base for fishing in the summer, and used to have its own fishing fleet.

The villagers blame the 1917 Hallsands disaster and their own storm problems on dredging of shingle from the beach to build docks in Plymouth during the First World

The National Rivers Authority said that the emergency work involved the dumping of 6,000 tons of rock and was costing £100,000.

Urgent needs of the poor not met because of red tape, High Court ruling says

Judges declare Social Fund grant guidelines illegal Government guidance lim- Lord Justice Woolf said these tions were equivalent to was unlawful "in so far as it not cope alone. He was refused for his five-bedroom council

"complete vindication of the Govern-

ment's approach to the implementation

Giving judgment, Lord Justice Woolf

concerned" at the expenditure of finan-

cial and other resources, claimed it was

unlawful for Mr Clarke to spend public

of the NHS reforms."

series of funding packages.

the poor was ruled unlawful by the High Court yesterday.

social security payments; and Mr Nicholas Scott, the Minister for Social Security, conceded the Government would have to see whether changes were necessary. Labour's social security spokesman Mr Michael Meacher called for an end to cash limits on aid.

Lord Justice Woolf and Mr Justice Pill allowed appeals by two applicants refused grants, but dismissed a third.

Lord Justice Woolf said: "Each of the applications reveal distressing personal circumstances, involving applicants who undoubtedly have urgent needs which have not been met because of the manner in which the Social Fund has been administered."

The Government guidelines included statements that "total cost of payments made by any local office in a financial year must not exceed its budget allocation for that financial year", and that before making an award an officer had to ensure that it could be met from the budget.

iting Social Fund payments to were not proper guidelines delegated legislation. because they were mandatory in tone. "If the Secretary of The decision is a blow to the State is seeking to give guidtight budgetary control on ance, then he must use the

Under the 1986 Act which set up the Social Fund, there was a significant distinction

"directions" and

A group of hospital consultants yes-

terday failed to gain a legal ruling in the

High Court that Mr Kenneth Clarke,

Secretary of State for Health, had acted

unlawfully in spending money on Natyional Health Service reforms in

Lord Justice Woolf and Mr Justice Pill

dismissed an application by Professor

Harry Keen of Guy's hospital for a

declaration that Mr Clarke had acted

beyond his powers in allocating money

to help hospitals prepare for self-

governing status before the health service Bill had achieved Royal Assent.

Mr Clarke described the decision as a

advance of legislation.

"guidance". Guidance given

The Secretary of State had

as were reasonably necessary for the proper "control and management" of the Social Fund, but not as to the had to be assessed locally.

allocation".

The judges then dealt with each of the three cases. Mr Samuel Stitt, an unemployed circumstances in which the father of six, of Wallsend, individual "need" of an applicant could be met. These refused a grant towards the care of two-year-old triplets "guidance". Guidance given The judges said the rigid while he attended an employ-by the Secretary of State for "guidance" over the way offi-ment training scheme. With-

purports to indicate that there by a Social Fund officer on the house after a reconciliation is no power to make payments grounds that "the law says we with his estranged wife. exceeding the local office cannot pay for the kind of items you say that you need". The judges said the Sec-

retary of State did have power to issue directions to exclude certain classes of need from the scheme and for that reason Mr Stitt's application failed. In the second case, Mr

Derek Roberts, an unemployed father-of-seven from Shef-

Social Services did not have to cers should approach budget out assistance he could not field, had applied for a £610 be followed, whereas direc- restrictions on local offices attend, since his wife could grant to buy household items

Legal challenge to Clarke spending fails By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent money to prepare applications for a new status which had not yet become law.

The Government has spent more than

£60 million this year on implementing

the reforms and a further £257 million said it was clear that Mr Clarke wanted to be in a position to announce the approval of the "first wave" of selfhas been allocated for 1990-91. Lord Justice Woolf said the minister did not have the power under present governing NHS hospital trusts soon after the Bill was enacted. The "substantial" legislation to approve an application for financial resources required for the the new status and health authorities preparations had been provided in a could not submit formal applications but there was nothing to prevent them Professor Keen, who was "extremely deploying existing resources for forward

Mr Justice Pill agreed in dismissing the application with costs.

His application was refused

when a local officer indicated "the budget is not adequate to sustain any payment for these items in these circumstances". The decision was upheld by an inspector. The judge said the officers

had wrongly regarded the budget as providing a "straitjacket" for payments and Mr Roberts was entitled to a declaration that the guidelines had been unlawful. In the third case, a man aged

19 from Sheffield who had left his parents' home after being subjected to violence was refused a grant in August 1988 to buy furniture for his council flat after a short stay in a hostel.

He was said not to fulfil the Secretary of State's criteria for someone needing "resettlement in the community" as he had been in the hostel for less than three months, but the judges said one of the aims of the Social Fund was to help people to re-establish themselves in the community after a stay in institutional or

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Consultancy costs increase 1,000%

By David Walker, Public Administration Correspondent

closely monitored after a report disclosing that spending on consultants in two departments has leapt in recent years by 1.000 per cent.

The report, an internal evaluation of the use of consultants carried out by the Denartments of Health and Social Security with the assistance of the Prime Minister's personal Efficiency Adviser, shows that in 1988-89 a total of £47 million was spent.

The report is being closely studied by the Treasury and by the National Audit Office, which has been worried about consultancy costs in the past. The report says consultants

were sometimes paid up to five times the rate for civil servants doing similar work. They received £115,000 a year for work that a senior execon a salary of £24,000. In 1988-89 £42 million was

efforts to computerize payments of income support and other social benefits. Despite lobbying within brought in,

Whitehall's use of private Whitehall by the Efficiency sector management consul-tants is likely to be more ments respond more energetically in the face of public criticism, the results have not

yet been made public. The Department of Health said yesterday it accounted for £3.5 million of the £47 million total for 1988-89, with the rest

spent by the DSS. The report found that the work of consultants had not always been fully utilized because of "time and manpower pressure within departments".

Ten years ago, the combined Department of Health and Social Security was spending about £411,000 a year on

Inquiries by The Times yesterday showed that not all departments know how much they spend each year on consultants. The Ministry of Defence, for example, said its utive officer could have done annual outlays had not been worked out.

The scrutineers say that in spent by the Department of future top officials must think Social Security as part of its much harder about finding civil servants within White-hall to perform the tasks for which consultants have been

'White knight' buys back carvings

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The rector of a tiny village church at Stowlangtoft, near Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, go. We can never thank him has recovered a group of rare 15th-century Flemish wooden carvings stolen from the building and smuggled to The Netherlands in 1977.

The Rev George Pattison has conducted a tireless camign for their return and after a chequered history a Dutch white knight" has intervened to buy them back for more than their £100,000 value. The carvings are expected to return

"It is absolutely marvellous news and we are all delighted," Mr Pattison said. His case in court. Despite help from the local diocese and Endsleigh Insurance, the narish still owes legal costs of

said: "If this gentleman hadn't carvings in an antiques shop. Mr Mooren refused to hand come along when he did, and They had been sold to Mr Ted them back. The Saffolk

The carvings were made by

langtoft Hall. The carvings were on display behind the altar and depicted the Passion of Christ. smuggled out of the country within hours of the theft. Police never caught the gang,

fessionals based in Ireland. parishioners have raised thou-sands of pounds to fight the by Johan Rosinga, a filmmaker living in Amsterdam. The man who handed them over has not been seen since. Mr Rosinga had them outil 1981 when they were stolen by Mr Pattison, who looks his butler. The police were



Mr Pattison: His church ran up £10,000 in legal costs. Mooren, a Dutch television

The dealer said he would get them back but nothing ever happened and there was no prosecution. The following year a Dutch museum official, looking through some polic pictures, saw carvings she recognized as those stolen after several village churches, notified and his son saw the from Stowlangtoft. However

and at one stage faced a bill for up to £10,000 in costs. Mr Pattison said: "The

problem was that we would be entitled to them back under English law but, because they had been missing for more than three years, we were not entitled to them under Dutch

A press account of the case was seen by Mr Ran Eikeleuboom who emerged as the "white knight". When Mr Mooren decided to sell the carvings last year, Mr Ejkelenboom, a retired businessman, bought them on behalf of the church. Mr Ejkelenboom, aged 68, who lives at Wasenaar, near The Hague, said he could not

figures but it was more than their valuation. "I am glad they are going back to the church and very happy to help, especially after all that the British did for the Dutch during the Second World War."

disclose what he paid for the

Impressionists scale new heights looks likely to continue French artist whose spiky still prospering, judging from the lifes are scorned by the West results of Sotheby's sale of but loved by the East, also minor works in London yesterday. It was the best such sale to date, totalling £3.53 million, with 12 per cent of

Eighty per cent of the buyers were private, and most were European. The top price was for a collage of newspapers painted to resemble a dashing car by the Italian Futurist artist Mario Sironi. It caused

works unsold.

Artfile.

istonishment by fetching £236,500 against an estimate of £35,000. "Most of his paintings of this quality are in private Italian collections, and can't be taken out of Italy," Miss Melanie Clore of Sotheby's

said. "Also, people are very

wary of fakes. This painting

has been exhibited so much it

is 100 per cent certain".

performed well, a Japanese private buyer paying £126,500 (double the estimate) for "Nature Morte au Compotier", and £115,500 (estimate £25,000 to £35,000) for its fellow, "Nature Morte à la

A Montmartre street scene

by Utrillo was bought by another Japanese for £104,500 £20,000 more than predicted. The authenticity of some Utrillo works has been questioned by the artists's heir, M Jean Fabris but "Rue Saint Rustique" had been authenticated by Mr Paul Petrides, Fabris's rival, whose opinion the main auction houses accept. There was no sign of Mr Fabris at the

lampe à huile".

Elsewhere in the sale Miss Clore noticed the success of "attractive, decorative, accessible, Sisley-esque paintings". An acclaimed Victorian Peter Palumbo, chairman of Palumbo said.

SALEROOM by Sarah Jane Checkland Art Market Correspondent 4 6 1

painting, which was taken on a European tour in the 1890s and then disappeared, has turned up for auction at Christie's, estimated at £150,000. The Bridge of Life" a complex work by Walter Crane, shows man's journey through life, its subject ending up in his winding sheet in a black gondola destined for the Styx,

incorporating the theological, metaphysical and biological writings of Shelley and Darwin, it is considered by Christie's "an icon of Victorian art and philosophy". The sale is on March 30. Local authorities are using commissioned works of art as focal points in Britain's town centres, according to a report launched yesterday by Mr

the Arts Council (Simon Tait The report, commissioned

by the Public Art Forum, shows 333 new works of art were commissioned between 1984 and 1988, and that in the last five years 24 per cent of local authorities have commissioned pieces worth a total of nearly £4 million.

Sculpture, accounting for 47 per cent, was the most popular medium, and murals, mosaics, stained glass and photography were also popular. Commissioning art for pub-

lic places is in line with the Arts Council's "Percent for Art policy which encourages local authorities and developers to commit a percentage of development budgets to commissioning and incor-porating original works of art in their plans.

"It is exciting news that so many local authorities are actively working with artists and craftspeople to enhance our environment" Mr

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the se With the US-financed opposition breathing down its neck, Nicaragua's Sandinista leadership yesterday called out a huge crowd of supporters in a final show of strength before next Sunday's election, which has become a closely fought referendum on 11 years of semi-Leninism in America's backyard.

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The hot and dusty streets of Managua, the capital, turned into a sea of red-and-black Sandinista banners as lorries and buses from the Army and state-run enterprises drove thousands of young supporters to the lakeside plaza in front of the cathedral to cheer President Ortega, the former guerrilla who is seeking his first popular mandate.

"The people will win, the people are with the Frente." Senor Ortega's voice boomed out over the rally.

Esmeralda, aged 19, showed me a leaflet from the local Sandinista committee that left little room for discussion. Everybody out for Daniel ... Nobody stays at home," it

Colly 21 low into the For much of the electorate, such exhortations by the party-state have been part of life since childhood. With the voting age at 16, more than half the country's 1.7 million voters are aged under 30. It is on this group that both Government and opposition have focused their campaigning fire in the final weeks, with Senora with Senor Ortega's polished Violeta Chamorro, the opposition candidate, promising to end military conscription and the Sandinistas depicting gile and aristocratic campaign themselves as the party of carefree vouth.

Yesterday it was vital for the Sandinistas, who deride the opposition as "US puppets and traitors", to upstage a have caused in a decade of war rally held for Señora Chamorand economic mismanageto in the same plaza last ment. Since the revolution the Sunday, when at least 50,000 economy has shrunk by a half people turned out for what amounted to the biggest dis-play of public opposition to Opinion polls of the Sandinistas since the 1979 show Senor Ortega ahead, but revolution.

In their efforts to scupper Nicaragua's history, people the opposition rally, the are unlikely to be frank in Sandinistas even resorted to responding to poll questions, broadcasting rare popular and Senora Chamorro insists shows on state television, in this case the film Batman and coverage of Mike Tyson's knock-out in Tokyo. Nevertheless, the size of the turnout for The Washington Post a gave a boost to Senora week ago, Senor Ortega is Chamorro's UNO coalition at leading by 48 per cent to the end of a lackinstre campaign, and forced the Sandin-cent. The poll also revealed



Holding the reins: President Ortega, head of the ruling Sandinistas, campaigning on horseback as he seeks his first democratic mandate in Nicaragu

istas to confront the problem some concern over the inof what to do if they lose. fluence of the US, with 54 per As little as a month ago that cent of respondents saying they believe Señora Chamorro prospect was unthinkable. would take most of her instructions from Washchine appeared to be steam-Given the reluctance of

voters to indicate their true presence into the ground. intentions, predicting the out-UNO does appear to have come of Sunday's vote is proving exceptionally diffiappealed to people's deep resentment against the Sancult, but the betting among dinistas for the havoc they diplomats and other foreign observers is still on Senor and economic mismanage-Ortega and his comrades. Ask ordinary Nicaraguans

why they will vote for a party and 35,000 people have died that appears to have run their country into the ground and they will usually reply that the Opinion polls consistently Sandinistas gave land and dignity to the poor and proobservers point out that, given vided a minimum of social welfare in a land which for a long time was exploited by an Americanized upper class. But, among more sophis-ticated citizens, an additional that the Sandinistas are so hated "the only way we can

lose is through fraud". reason for supporting the Sandinistas is being pro-In the latest survey, taken pounded - the opposition, made up of 14 disparate groupings, would probably make a bigger mess. Spectrum, page 13



Señora Chamorro, on the campaign trail, showing confidence in a victory for the opposition. | Eastern Europe, the move-movement long before then.

Left alliance in Nepal joins reform battle

violent round in "The Stir", have ignited so readily. the name given to a mass ayan kingdom's peculiar brand of democracy.

With the refrain "Now is opposition leaders are demanding that the 30-year ban on political parties be lifted. They say that events in Eastern Europe make the democratic tide in Nepal unstoppable.

King Birendra's answer has been unequivocal: his Administration sent security forces nto the streets on Sunday to break up pro-democracy protesters. Police found themselves besieged by angry mobs who rained half-bricks on them. The police opened fire, killing several men. The unofficial death toll in the troubles so far is 10.

Three top leaders of the banned Nepalese National Congress have been under including Mr Krishna Prasad Bhattrai, its acting president. Other officials have gone underground as government forces seek out known

The Government says that since the trouble broke out several days ago, a figure confirmed by international observers. The redbrick office of the National Congress, tucked away at the end of a muddy alley in the centre of Kathmandu, was completely bare yesterday. "Everybody has gone underground," a caretaker said.

There have been pro-democracy movements in Nepal before - the last in 1985 but never anything that seemed so committed. The National Congress abandoned the 1985 protest after several bombs exploded, saying that it would not lend its name to a violent campaign. Although analogies are being drawn with the East European democracy movement, they are not entirely appropriate since Nepal is not faced with a

Nepal is braced for the next ment undoubtedly would not

Poverty, a crippled econuprising which seems certain omy, corruption and years of to force changes in the Hima- political frustration have contributed to the volatile brew. A year-long trade dispute with India has added to economic the time" - a slogan fast hardships. There are no longer becoming a political battle cry shortages of basic commodities or of petrol but they are hugely expensive.

An important ferent from other protest campaigns is the forging of an alliance last month between seven of the eight leading communist factions, now a group called the United Leftist

In a remarkable display of solidarity, the Front has vowed to throw its weight behind the National Congress in a quest for multi-party democracy. It is the first time that Congress and the communists have come together.

"The Stir" is being seriously hampered now that so many Congress and Front leaders have gone into hiding, but leaflets are being secretly spread through Kathmandu declaring this Sunday to be "Black Day" when people should wear black armbands, carry black banners and wave

March 2 - the second in the campaign. The last one several days ago was widely sup-ported, with private taxis and buses staying off the streets and shops pulling down their

Nepal operates a system of non-party elected panchayats various levels from villages to the national legislature. The system was introduced by the present monarch's father, King Mahendra, and modified by King Birendra after a 1979 people said was rigged.

Opposition leaders want King Birendra to become a constitutional monarch subordinate to a multi-party elected legislature. The next Congress elections are due in a year, but most observers believe King Birendra will system imposed from outside. have to open negotiations But, without the inspiration of with the pro-democracy

WORLD ROUNDUP

threat of attacks

Beirut - A child aged six was killed and thousands of Christians fled their homes in east Beirut yesterday as fears of a resumption of large-scale battles between rival Christian leaders grew amid frequent violations of a four-day ceasefire (A Correspondent writes).

Seven people were wounded by sniper-fire on the newly formed front lines between the Christian Army and Lebanese Forces Militia in heart of east Beirut. The Army, under General Michel Aoun, is demanding that Mr Samir Geagea's hardline militia pulls out from its headquarters and strongholds in the capital and merges its forces with the Army. Both men want total control of the Christian enclave

Meanwhile Palestine Liberation Organization sources in southern Lebanon confirmed that a four-man PLO delegation has been in east Beirut since Sunday to follow up a peace initiative by Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman.

UN population fear

Manila (Reuter) - The world population is growing by three people a second and, unless this is curbed, most gains in improving quality of life could be swept away, the United Nations Population Fund said yesterday. Dr Nafis Sadik, its executive director, said that progress in reducing birth rates had been slower than hoped for and the population, earlier expected to stabilize at 10.2 billion by the end of the next century, could head towards 14 billion. The population, now at 5.25 billion, was growing by around 250,000 a day.

Bressels: Dr Lester Brown, a leading US environmentalist, who heads the Worldwatch Institute in Washington, said yesterday that the world faced famine from overpopulation unless families limited themselves to two children.

Kremlin warns Japan

Manila (Reuter) — Japan was conquering the world with electronics and its "flow of capital", Mr Gennadi Gerasimov, the Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman, said here yesterday. Moscow wanted to ensure that, in the wake of rapid change now sweeping the world, there was no renewed military threat from Japan or Germany, the other principal power defeated in the Second World War. Mr Gerasimov told a news conference that US military power in the Pacific was now out of proportion to the Soviet presence and said it was being kept high through bureaucratic

Chemical war charge

A team of West European chemical warfare experts yesterday accused the Angolan Government of using chemical weapons against its population for years while fighting Western-backed rebels (Our Foreign Staff writes). Experts from the Universities of Ghent, Madrid, Vienna and Innsbruck collected samples and examined victims in Angola before issuing a statement through Ghent University in Belgium. It said civilians had been "severely intoxicated by chemical bombs used by the Government of Luanda ... No therapy could decontaminate the victims." Yesterday, rebels from the National Union for the Total Liberation of Angola (Unita) recaptured the key south-east district of Mavinga from government troops.

Pakistan nuclear deal

Islamahad - France has agreed to supply a nuclear power plant to Pakistan and to authorize French enterprises to negotiate a deal for the sale of the plant with Islamabad (Zahid Hussain writes). President Mitterrand of France said in Islamabad yesterday that the offer to supply the plant would be in accordance with international regulations, including guarantees for its peaceful use. France is the first Western country to agree to sell nuclear plant to Pakistan despite an informal ban because of its alleged nuclear programme. M Mitterrand said that a formal agreement between the two countries would be concluded soon. Miss Benazir Bhutto, Pakistan's Prime Minister, hailed the French decision as historic.

Report by State Department

From Susan Ellicott, Washington, and Richard Owen, Jerusalem

annual report on human rights worldwide, yesterday bluntly condemned China for crushing pro-democracy protests in Tiananmen Square last sumcontinuing to abuse Palestinian rights in the occupied

The strongly worded criti-cism of Peking is likely to provoke further antagonism between Congress and the Bush Administration over the President's decision to maintain high-level links with Pe-king. The Democratic-led Congress has urged Mr Bush to justify his rapprochement last year with China by showing the country has improved

its record in return. The report, which is pre-pared by the State Department for presentation to Congress, praised the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe for dramatic improvements in their record on human rights last year and cautiously commended South Africa. It reserved its strongest language for the "abysmal" human rights record of Iraq and serious violations in

Burma, Cuba and Syria. The report's list of human rights infractions in China included the widespread tor-ture of prisoners, the arrest and killing of dissidents with-out trial, the expulsion and harassment of foreign correspondents, and attempts by Peking to defend the military crackdown last June with a

disinformation campaign. "The human rights climate in China deteriorated drama
On Israel, which with about severe restrictions on freedom of speech and press, assembly

on June 3-4. The Peking massacre was followed by a drastic countrywide crackmer and criticized Israel for down on participants, supporters and sympathizers.

"Thousands were arrested and about a score are known to have been executed, following trials which fell far short of international standards, for alleged crimes committed during the unrest . . . At year's end the crackdown was still continuing."

Mr Richard Schifter, the Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, was due to

Peking (Renter) - Police have detained more than 4,000 people in Peking in a campaign to rid the Chinese capital of the "six evils" of corruption ahead of the Asian Games in Sep-tember, the *Peking Daily* said. The "evils" are prostitution, pornography, drugs, gam-bling, abduction of women and "superstition".

submit the report to the House

and Senate yesterday.
It is intended to help Congress consider requests from foreign countries for US aid, but is also used to assess whether a country deserves preferential trade links with the United States.

Congress does not automatically cut aid in response treatment of persons, arbitrary to a critical report on a On Israel, which with about

tically in 1989," the report is the largest recipient of US and association".

The United States, in an said. "At least several hun- aid, the State Department dred, and possible thousands, said: "The human rights situaof people were killed in Peking tion in the occupied territories remains a source of deep concern." More Palestinians died last year, the second year of the intifada, than in 1988. The report acknowledged that there was a "significant in-crease of violence by Palestinians against Palestinians".

Israel yesterday issued a weary self-defence, saying that, unlike other Middle Eastern states, it was "doing its best" to observe the rule of law. The Army had a duty to maintain order and counteract the "violence and terror" of the intifada while diplomatic negotiations to achieve a settlement were under way.

The US described the Soviet Union as witnessing "a remarkable opening-up of the political process" during the presidency of Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, but said it still had "a considerable distance to go" before it would meet international standards.

The report said the human rights record of Iraq "re-mained abysmal in 1989" because its Government "arbitrarily arrested or detained" several thousand people, in-cluding opposition leaders, and virtually outlawed freedom of speech.

The report said that Vietnam's human rights abuses last year included "brutal detentions, absence of fair trials, denial of privacy, and

Red tape's secret 'army'

From Philip Jacobson

When the ordinary citizens of France fall behind with contributions to the national health service, a short, sharp reminder drops through their letter-box.

When the Ministry of Defence is found to have neglected to make its statutory payments on behalf of 150,000 civil servants for 45 years, a deal is hastily patched up to cover official

By some reckonings, the Ministry now owes Sécu, France's social security authority, a cool 90 billion francs (£9 billion) - not far short of half of last year's defence budget. In the event, the Government's accounting watchdog, the Cour des Comptes, has delivered a bill for

about 8 billion francs. The French are indebted for these revelations to Le Canard Enchaîne, a weekly newspaper which is the scourge of the political establishment. According to the magazine, the

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Ministry of Defence was nailed after an investigation lasting several years. It began when a senior official at Secu noticed that the annual cheque the Government hands over for all its employees covered 150,000 fewer people than the number paying their own share of contributions.

The computer trail led investigators to the Defence Ministry, where it was quickly established that this army of fonctionnaires had disappeared within the bureaucracy. When the error was discovered and Secu asked for its missing billions, Le Canard reports, the Finance Ministry demanded a detailed bill going back for almost half a century.

And where was the information? The Ministry of Defence, which regards the number of people it employs as an official secret, refused to co-operate with the Cour des Comptes. To avoid deadlock, says the magazine, it was eventually decided to allow the Defence Ministry's accountants to come

Lebanese flee new threat of attacks China in dock on rights A DEMOCRATIC NICARAGUA

DEMOCRATIC WORLD?

"We the undersigned call upon the Nicaraguan Government to fulfil its pledge to conduct the forthcoming elections of 25 February in an atmosphere of freedom and toleration, and to respect the outcome of the elections as a true reflection of the will of the Nicaraguan people. We also hope that the British Government, working with other major powers from both East and West, will help ensure that the election results are followed by a smooth transition of all elements of the present regime's state apparatus to a new and freely elected government, constitutionally separating party and state, with guarantees of an independent judiciary and legislature.

We hope that the present election will allow Nicaragua to join the ever-growing group of democratic nations that are now emerging throughout the world."

Prof. Harry Ferns

Prof. Antony Flew

Peter Griffiths MP

Neil Hamilton MP

David Hart

Paul Helm

Gerald Hartup

Dr Alexandra Hardie

Prof. John Hibbs OBE

Michael Knowles MP

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Capitalist trail-blazers in East find it an uphill journey.

The Marriott Hotel in Warsaw is a shining temple of doom.

Western-built, it boasts the usual cocktail lounges and cafes, and rooms at \$160 (£94) a night — about four months' wages for the average Pole.

Here the privateers of Eastern Europe hole up, drawing elaborate flow charts for the ultimate destruction of the communist economy.

Sir William Ryrie of the International Finance Corporation comes in one door, Professor Jeffrey Sachs of Harvard through another, a team of crewcut World Bank men are at brunch - cost per serving 75,000 zloties, a week's salary for a Polish teacher — and the glazed enthusiasm, the bubbling missionary talk, is indistinguishable from the squads of transcendental meditators and Jehovah's Witnesses who have also arrived to save Poland

free market leads up a steep gradient. There are only a handful of facsimile machines in Poland, and they blink and

stutter like neurological case-studies. It was sad to see a French merchant banker, on the brink of a deal that would revolutionize Warsaw's refuse collection, trying to send a fax to Paris from the central post office.

The single machine had broken down again, would perhaps be fixed by the afternoon, but would then have to cope with three days' backlog of unsent messages. Try the Holiday Inn fax, advised a British accountant (con-sultancy fee: £350 a day plus expenses), but at 2am when the night clerks are

more lenient and the lines less cluttered. The phones are, of course, hopelessly overloaded, though various Western lobbyists have been trying to sell Warsaw a new exchange. Dialling from a north-ern Warsaw district, to the centre of the capital, or across the Vistula is difficult; not impossible, but difficult. Better by far to privatize Poland from the safety of the new Western-style hotels. The free market Solidarity-led Government and the privatizing ministers of

Hungary have drawn up elaborate route maps to the market economy, and by the time they are taken by courier to the Western consultants in their air-conditioned shelters, they look like a credible basis for business.

Few visiting Westerners stray into factories. When they do, the shock is often terminal. Mrs Barbara Piasescka-Johnson, the Polish-born baby-soap millionairess, was emotionally committed to rescuing the Gdansk shipyards. With a phalanx of lawyers and accountants, she made half a dozen flying visits. The gap between the logically correct solution (a streamlined, privately owned yard, computerized management, auto-

mated welding) and the Dantesque reality (rusting bathtubs, abandoned hulks, workers using worn-out 1970s equipment) was so large, so unbridgeable, that even the charitable Mrs Johnson had to retreat.

between \$5 million and \$6 million. The management and workers thought the assets worth \$40 million. The workers wanted a solid dollar-based salary. Mrs Johnson sought to put money into modernization, not wage packets. She wanted a strike ban, the workers grumbled. For the time being, she feels more comfortable in New Jersey.

The evaluation of state-owned assets is the crucial issue, and points to some of the weaknesses of the Western experts who are parachuting into the East. Too many of the Western advisers are in business on their own account and therefore have an interest in underestimating the value of factories up for sale.

Mr Krzysztof Lis, the Polish Government's plenipotentiary, suspended the privatization of Polish Records, the Warsaw Television Enterprise, which is being advised by Mr Philip Mayo of the British National Freight Corporation, the Piast coalmine and 70 other

new privatization law is settled. Mr Lis says he will only allow the privatization of companies that do not hold a monopoly, have a convincing development plan, have prepared a two-year analysis of operations under the new tax conditions, and are committed to market

There are Western scouts everywhere, easily identified by their tendency to buy foxfur hats that shed hair on otherwise immaculate Brooks Brothers suits.

They are heading mainly for Poland and Hungary, but they can be spotted in Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and even Romania, In East Berlin, businessmen outnumber spies for the first time since

The most helpful advice agency has probably been the International Finance Corporation, an affiliate of the World Bank. It is good at hooking up finance and identifying natural targets for privatization. But even such an international body has its preferences - it

ownership - and the new governments are beginning to realize that they have to feel the way through the maze by themselves. There are no precedents for this kind of transition from planned to

market economy. The following conversation was overheard in the Warsaw Marriott. Western consultant (full of vim): "You could offer shares to the workers instead

of wage increases."
Polish executive (doubtfully): "Yes, possibly. Consultant: "And they could sell them at the market rate and you would get a better idea of your real worth. That's the

way it works."

Executive: "We don't have a stock Consultant: "Oh, dear."

Executive: "But we have a noticeboard in the factory. Workers could pin up their offers there, couldn't they?" Consultant (somewhat doubtfully): "Yes." (Pause) "Do you have pins?"

Havel wants peace conference to end post-war divisions

From Martin Fletcher, Washington

slovakia, addressing an enraptured Congress here yesterday, called for a "peace con-ference" to end the post-war divisions in Europe and to create a new pan-European structure which would devise its own security system.

He said the scheduled 1992 Helsinki Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe should be brought forward to assume that role.

The conference should "put s formal end to the Second World War and all its unhappy consequences" and should draw up a treaty to guarantee the borders of all European states, he said.

new pan-European structure should incorporate a unified, democratic Germany, and the security system should embrace both Nato and Warsaw

But he denied reports that he wanted "to dissolve the Warsaw Pact tomorrow and Nato the day after". Czechoslovakia owed its very existence to Nato, he said.

He nevertheless looked to the day when Europe once again assumed a single iden-tity and was "compelled to be when the old bipolarity gave way to a new "era of multi-

Europe would take responsibility for its own security, deciding for itself how many of whose troops it wanted in its territories.

"For another hundred years American soldiers should not have to be separated from their mothers just because Europe is incapable of being a guarantor of world peace," he said. "Sooner or later, Europe must recover and come into its OWIL'

In a speech punctuated by regular ovations, Mr Havel, a East Europe will cost the playwright and former dis- European Community an exsident, referred to the "night-mares" of living under Soviet three years, with Britain asked rule and described the recent to contribute £258 million, acupheavals in Eastern Europe cording to figures presented as "historically irreversible".

"Our freedom, independemocracy have been pur-

President Havel of Czecho- will not surrender them," he Latin America and more

He described Czechoslovakia as a "country where there is complete freedom of speech, which is getting ready for free elections, and which wants to create a prosperous market economy and its own toreign policy".

His country was no longer a "meaningless satellite", and felt culpability for its former was ready to assume its responsibilities in the world. Mr Havel made no appeal

for American assistance, suggesting instead that "you can help us most of all if you help the Soviet Union on its Mr Havel added that the irreversible, but immensely ew pan-European structure complicated, road to democracy.

"The sooner, the more quickly, and the more peacefully the Soviet Union begins to move along the road to-wards genuine political pluralism, respect for the rights of nations to their own integrity, and to a working - that is, a market - economy, the better



Mr Havel: Looking to an era of 'multi-polarity'.

it will be, not just for Czechs and Slovaks, but for the whole world."

● BRUSSELS: Support for tra £1.4 billion over the next here (Michael Binyon writes). Britain has indicated it is

chased at great cost and we posed to any extra funding for pean Parliament.

spending on environmental protection, transport, the audio-visual sector, energy and vocational training, which Brussels is also proposing.

Herr Peter Schmidhuber, the Budget Commissioner, said that, after a review of the financial perspectives until 1992, the Commission proposed spending an extra 500 million European currency "reprehensible passivity". It units (ecus) - £355 million to help reform in Eastern Europe this year, 850 million ecus next year and a billion ecus in 1992.

It also wanted to spend an extra 2.4 billion ecus over the next three years in aid to Latin America, the Mediterranean region and Asia, and 1.2 billion ecus for internal policies strongly supported by the European Parliament.

He said this rise would still be within the framework of the 1988 inter-institutional agreement. It was also below the ceiling of less than 0.03 per cent of the Community's gross national product which allows ministers to take a decision by majority vote.

Although the money is additional to what was proposed earlier, it is offset by a fall in Agricultural Policy.

Britain argues that Eastern Europe is a special case, as events there could not have been foreseen. But itsays there is no reason now to increase spending for other parts of the world or on pet projects of the European Parliament, which should have made out its case when the financial estimates were being drawn up.

Brussels revised its 1990 budget only in December, setting aside 300 million ecus in aid to Poland and Hungary

But this figure has been increased after urgent requests for similar aid from other reforming East European na-tions - Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Bulgaria, Romania and Yugoslavia.

Some 200 million of the 500 million ecus now proposed dence, and our new-born willing to pay the extra have still to be approved by democracy have been purmoney, but is strongly op-

Kohl comes up against some obstacles to reunification



A crowd in Erfurt, East Germany, welcomes Herr Helmnt Kohl, the West German Chancellor, yesterday at the start of the election campaign for three parties linked to his own Christian Democrats. East Germany goes to the polls on March 18.

Steel city a testament of failure

From A Correspondent, Eisenhüttenstadt, East Germany

fathers of East Germany created this steel town on a plain near the Polish border, proudly calling it "the first socialist city". It was to be a prototype of the way in which Germans would make communism

Today "Ironworks town" which is what its name means - is a desolate testament to the failure of the central planning system to keep pace with industrial development.

Its broad but dirty streets and modern but dilapidated housing for 54,000 inhabitants are evidence that the state is bankrupt. The red banners from thousands of unfiltered and communist party slogans coal-fired residential boilers. are gone from Lenin Allee, the main street through the bleak town centre. They are replaced by campaign posters pasted up German economy verges on by the nation's new opposition parties.

Forty years ago, the founding and German sweat to create hardship and unemployment. further processing. EKO ofthe pride of East German Local officials say that the iron socialism," says Herr Kurt and steel complex, like many Jäger, a long-time resident. "It turned out to be a colossal socialist misadventure."

> Although workers here enjoy better housing than many of their compatriots in rotting apartment buildings else-where, residents still trudge nast bleak residential silos that are cracked and crumbling from decades of neglect.

The air reeks of emissions from the sprawling EKO foundry and steel mill on the town's northern edge and from the gritty smoke spewing Concern over an uncertain

future has also added to residents' woes, as the East collapse and reunification looms. Residents share a Local officials say that the iron ficials say that it will be and steel complex, like many difficult to find a company in factories in the nation, is hopelessly obsolete and cannot compete with mills in the West. With more than 11,000 workers, EKO is the town's largest employer and many worry about lay-offs.

"Without EKO the city will die, says Herr Klaus Kathner, editor of the town's newspaper, Neuer Tag.

There are few grounds for hope about the plant's future. When it was built in 1950, EKO was a modern iron and steel works. But over the years, little was done to keep its essential production divisions up to date. Losses were covered by subsidies.

For years, EKO has been forced by its technological backwardness to export its iron to West Germany, where

Eastern European archives.

man occupation of Eastern

the Third Reich's use of forced

collaboration with the Nazis.

and the names of victims of

the Holocaust, will be avail-

The US Holocaust Memor-

ial Council, a branch of the US

Government, has reached a series of agreements that will

enable it to begin microfilm-

ing the Nazi records for

The council began filming

in Polish archives last week

and plans to start in the Soviet

Union this summer. The

monumental task is expected

"It will certainly be a trea-

sure trove because these docu-

ments have never been used

before." Mr Brewster Cham-

berlain, the Holocaust Coun-

cil's chief archivist said

They will reinforce facts we

Scholars are only now

to take at least a decade.

Western archives.

able to scholars in the West.

the West interested in keeping the plant minning. The town's fledgeling Social

Democratic Party branch is campaigning hard on a platform pledging social and financial support to cushion workers and their families during the difficult reunification process."We have to make sure that people are not ruined by unemployment, price increases and currency reform," says Herr Matthias Onika, first secretary of the branch. But he admits that East Germany is effectively powerless and that help will have to come from Bonn.

The newly founded party, scarce of resources, faces an uphill battle in the March 18 elections. But Herr Onika is confident. "No one has forgot-"The grand notion was to growing East German fear that it was turned into finished ten who created this national use Soviet ore, Polish coke reunification will bring them steel and shipped back east for catastrophe," he explains.

Germans slacken · the pace From Ian Murray

The stampede towards Getman reunification seems to have slowed since Mrs Thatcher complained about its pace last weekend. Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, acknowledged yesterday that the Soviet Union may still insist on an agreement by the four victorious Second World War powers before reunification can take place.Domestically, Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, is now talking less of speeding the process and more of the long list of complex reforms required to achieve economic and mone-

tary reunion. Significantly, Herr Hans Klein, his spokesman, said yesterday that "the Chancellor has never said that reunification could happen this year".

The Foreign Minister was responding to an interview with *Pravda* given by President Gorbachov. The Soviet leader said his country, along with Britain, the United States and France, would retain spe-cial responsibility for the future of Germany in the absence of peace treaties between Germany and the countries it fought against.

Herr Genscher agreed in a radio interview that the Soviet leader wanted to involve the four powers in the arrangements of the process.

He did not believe that President Gorbachov had yet reached a conclusion on how reunification should be achieved, but that there was no question that the Soviet President now supported it.

The Foreign Minister said the interview with Pravda confirmed in substance the impression gained by Herr Kohl that Moscow considered that it was up to the German people to work out the details.

Herr Genscher admitted that the interview also highlighted the psychological fears in the Soviet Union over the issue of a united Germany. For this reason, he said, it was important to consider the views of every party so that the concept of reunification should be acceptable to all.

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Moscow inquiry into anti-Jewish article

The Moscow judiciary is to have been additionally scared by extreme Russian national- Vasilyev, its leader, denies groups, a criminal investigainvestigate the recent publication of anti-Semitic material in a student newspaper, the terday. According to a spokesman for the Moscow prosecutor's office, this is the first migrants and so (in their view) time criminal proceedings have been instituted over an anti-Semitic publication in the

Soviet capital. The investigation relates to a recent article in the student getik, which incorporated a newspaper that a number of political programme pur-porting to come from the extreme nationalist Pamyat nian city of Kharkov - insistorganization. It called, among ing that these were ordinary other things, for the total "de-Zionization" of Russia and for case of a fire at the central Jews to be banned from higher education and the Communist Party, as well as from state and government posts.

The publicity given to the investigation — it was reported by the weekly, Literaturnaya Gazeta, and by Tass - seems intended to reassure Jews in Moscow that their interests will be protected.

The anti-Armenian groms in Azerbaijan last of the incident. month sparked off rumours other Soviet cities, including Moscow and Leningrad, were ethnic groups. Jewish groups had been planned in advance Pamyat, but Mr Dmitri and its splinter group or painful.

them out of the country, now withdrawn political refugee status for Soviet Jewish immade it more difficult for them to emigrate.

Yesterday, too, the Interior Ministry issued the latest in a series of official statements denying that anti-Jewish pogroms were taking place. It Energetics Institute, Ener- refuted claims in a Kiev flats belonging to Jews had been attacked in the Ukraistill under investigation.

> The fire on January 18, which has become known as the TSDL affair after the Russian title of the Central Writers' House, arouses strong passions. Vzglyad, one of Moscow television's most glasnost-minded programmes. claimed was an amateur video

This showed the outbreak of that nationalist groups in extensive violence after an anti-Semitic speech at a meeting organized by the Russian planning imminent attacks on Writers' Union. The com-Armenians, Jews and other mentary argued that the riot

in the control of the

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscov

by rumours that Russian ists, who had positioned in- that his organization had any nationalists will try to force stigators strategically in the part in what happened and has audience. It cited the fact that that the United States has some of those involved were not members of the union and had been admitted to the Pamyat was responsible for meeting without identification cards, despite strict security. While there is general

acceptance that extreme Russian nationalists - whether Konstantin Smirnov-Ofiosta-Moscow (Reuter) - Tuber-Soviet citizens a year, victims of an abandoned campaign to eradicate the disease, a medical newspaper said yesterday. The newspaper Meditsinskaya

Gazeta, published partly by the Ministry of Health, said eradicating the disease a lack of funding coupled with indif-ference by health officials had wiped out the earlier gains. writers in the heat of the moment, or paid thugs - were responsible for the violence

and subsequent burning down of the TSDL building, there is no agreement on precisely which group might have been responsible. The Russian Writers' Union is a haven of nationalist sentiment, but would not normally express it except on paper.

Popular wisdom blames of the Pamyat organization will be no less difficult or

consistently dissociated his

group from violence. He also denies that his branch of the political programme published in Energetik and now under investigation. He blames a Pamyat breakaway group, led by a certain

shvili, both for the programme and for the TSDL colosis kills more than 21,000 affair. He also claims that the alternative Pamyat has highlevel connections with the KGB and the Moscow local government, both of which use it to discredit the original Pamyat. Pamyat is certainly riven with dissension and its activ-

ity is shrouded in rumour. When one of the alternative Pamyat's leaders. Mr Yevgeni Yevseyev - who was also vice-president of the Russian-Palestinian Association died after being run over on the Moscow ring road 10 days ago, the traffic police issued an immediate statement saying he had not been murdered. Asked about Mr Yevseyev's untimely death, Mr Vasilyev

who lives like a dog dies like a doe.' Whatever the ins and outs

was quoted as saying "He

tion - however pioneering into a single article in a smallcirculation student newspaper is unlikely to calm Moscow's worried Jews. Having seen that the authorities in Baku were unable or unwilling to defend Armenians against attack and having been brought up on tales of the pre-revolutionary pogroms, many prefer not to put Moscow's pledge of protection to the test and seek emigration instead.

• WASHINGTON: Mr William Webster, the director of the US Central Intelligence Agency, has said that the crisis in the Soviet Union is likely to be long and painful and that intelligence-gathering reeasing of East-West tensions (Reuter reports). "The crisis we now see in the USSR will likely be deep and prolonged," Mr Webster said in remarks prepared for delivery to the Baltimore Council on Foreign

Relations. In an unusually blunt public statement, the CIA director painted a bleak picture of President Gorbachov's plight in promoting his bold agenda of reforms.

"The new system he is trying to create is not yet ready to take the place of the old one he is discarding ... the future

Western scholars granted access to Nazi records From James Bone, New York

For the past 45 years, tens of beginning to assess the size of Michigan State University,

and importance of the material. Professor Raul Hilberg, of the University of Vermoni, one of the world's leading which involved not merely and the state of the world's leading source of millions of pages of captured Nazi documents from the Second World War have been gathering dust in Soviet and experts on captured German Soon this huge cache of information about the Ger-Europe, rich in details about labour, the extent of local

So far, experts from the sian volunteer army in 1944. Holocaust Council have surveyed only eight Soviet archives. In recent months. agreements permitting access to archives have also been reached with Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary and Poland. Negotiations are under way with Yugoslavia, but political instability has thwarted similar efforts in

Bulgaria and Romania. There are a huge amount of German records - records created by the occupation authorities - and they deal with everything from planning tobacco in the Ukraine to the actions of the Einsatzgruppen killing squads," Mr Chamber-

A team of US experts visited several Soviet archives last month and got a taste of have not been able to prove the kind of revelation that will emerge from the material. Professor Lewis Siegelbaum

military co-operation, but also documents, estimates that cultural activities, the creation there are 100 million pages in of Nazi-sponsored anti-Bol-70 Soviet archives alone, and shevik committees, and even more elsewhere in Eastern the hitherto unknown creation of a German-inspired Belorus-

> "The degree of co-operation by elements of the local popu-lation has been far greater than has hitherto been known," he said. "I would put it in the order of 20 to 40 per cent of the population, al-though I would not necessarily

say it was enthusiastic." Professor Siegelbaum made his most gruesome find at the archives in Kharkov in central Ukraine, where he uncovered evidence of the extermination of almost the entire Jewish population of the town in 1941, while it was under German occupation.

A census conducted by the 🌶 Nazis classified the town's 240,000 residents by nationality. The 9,600 Jews were listed on special yellow paper. Three days later 8,900 of them were rounded up and taken to a tractor fectory on the outskirts of the town and shot.

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Romania struggles to banish fears of a new police state

And they could be a construction of the constr Government yesterday launched a belated campaign to convince a sceptical public bureau. that the vast surveillance network run by Nicolae Ceausescu's feared Securitate was being dismantled.

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The move came in response to widespread fears that the network, including 700,000 paid informers and an army of cavesdroppers in every telephone exchange in the country, had quietly been transferred to the control of the roling National Salvation Front, which many people regard as a cover for the oldstyle Communists.

In another development Mr Corneliu Coposu, the leader of Romania's main rightwing opposition group, the National Peasant Party, said last night that one of the Party was outlawed by the party's members had been murdered and tortured while pinning up a party poster in the region of Moldavia.

Mr Coposu, aged 74, a former political prisoner, claimed that the killing, on February 8, was part of a dirty tricks campaign and that it had been accompanied by attacks on 25 of the party's weeks. He said leading memsubjected to repeated telephoned and written death threats, some from groups describing , themselves as

The alleged murder victim was president of the right-wing First Deputy Defence Min-prosecutor."

The provisional Romanian party's organization in the ister, said: "The specific tapvillage of Rosior in Moldavia ping equipment is in the and a member of the district

The campaign for Roma-nia's election on May 20 is certain to be the dirtiest fought in Eastern Europe. The offices of the ruling National Salvation Front, the favourite to been organized by the National Peasant Party.

The two have a long history of political enmity stretching back to the 1946 election which, representatives of the National Peasant Party claimed, was rigged by the Communists who, they now allege, form the bulk of the Front's leadership. A year later, the National Peasant Communists and has only ocen revived in the wake of

the December revolution. The new pleage to Romanians about the dismantling of the Securitate's surveillance system, contained in a detailed statement by General Victor Stanculescu, the new Minister of Defence, is meant to reassure Romanians who, regional offices in recent even two months after the revolution, mostly remain bers of his party had been convinced that their telephones are tapped and who still talk in whispers in res-taurants and public places.

process of being destroyed." It had been disconnected on December 22, he said.

The statement was accompanied in the daily Tineretul Liber with revelations of the extent of Ceausescu's eavesdropping. The paper discovwin the poll, were ransacked ered that in addition to by a mob on Sunday, which thousands of dissidents. Ceau-Front leaders claimed had sescu had bugged most leading sescu had bugged most leading members of his own Government and many of his own close relatives, including his eldest son, Valentin, now in jail awaiting trial,

Ceausescu's wife, Elena, is reported to haveordered the secret videotaping of the sexual exploits of members of her own family, including her daughter, Zoe, who is also under arrest.

"You could say that under Ceausescu repression was the only part of our national life that was pursued efficiently," Professor Silviu Brucan, the Front's chief ideologue has

In his statement, the general promised that the new security structure his ministry was setting up would not be placed "at the disposal of any party or political group".

He said all leading members of the Securitate, numbered in thousands, had been retired. including all heads and deputy heads of departments. "Those The minister, himself a guilty of committing crimes target for telephone tapping are under arrest and being when he served Ceausescu as investigated by the military

Albanians challenge Kosovo crackdown



Defiant ethnic Albanian youths in the troubled Yugoslav province of Kosovo after building a barricade of rocks across a road in the town of Vucitru yesterday. Armoured military units had been patrolling the streets after the authorities imposed a night curfew in response to the violent campaign for regional autonomy.

'may join political wing of Nato'

ian Foreign Minister, has for the first time raised the possibility that Hungary, a Warsaw Pact member with 50,000 Soviet troops still stationed on its territory, could

eventually join the political

wing of Nato.

Speaking to a meeting of political scientists and foreign mantled and defence tasks affairs experts from Hungary's main political parties, Mr new, collective system of defence and security on the continent was needed, which

Mr Gyula Horn, the Hungar- become a member of Nato's

political wings," he said. While not advocating withdrawal from the Warsaw Pact, Mr Horn endorsed the idea that it should evolve from a military to a purely political organization with only "consultative" functions, and that Nato forces should be dis-

returned to member states. He did not rule out the Horn said that to create a possibility of a gradual common European house a convergence or merger of Nato and the Warsaw Pact.

Although the proposal cannot be considered official would require closer contact Hungarian foreign policy, it between Hungary and Nato. Hungarian foreign policy, it marks a dramatic change of "It therefore cannot even be excluded that Hungary could until recently had argued for

dishanded simultaneously an idea, he told the meeting, which was now "an illusion" because of the rapid pace of political change in Europe.

strong "back to Europe" strat-Because Hungary does not have a common border with any Nato country, it has been considered of lesser strategic importance for the Warsaw Pact, a fact which may lead Hungary to become the first member to leave it.

Mr Hom's statement took many by surprise, including Mr Ferenc Karpati, the De-fence Minister, who said that he would have to study the text before commenting.

Mr Horn, who is considered It is believed that Mr Horn, the architect of Hungary's elections.

party elections, might be try-

ing to reshape his party's

foreign policy along the lines

of the increasingly popular

opposition which advocates a

Hungarian withdrawal from

the Warsaw Pact and a

has surfaced in some cam-

paign posters, including one

from the centrist Democratic

of a Soviet soldier with the

slogan "It is all over".

A distinct anti-Soviet tinge

declaration of neutrality.

maintaining both military a candidate for the Socialist landmark decision last sumblocs until they could be Party in next month's multi- mer to allow East Germans the right to cross Hungary to the West, is well respected at home and abroad, but his Socialist Party, which split from the former Hungarian Socialist Workers (communegy, and in many cases, a ist) Party last October, has seen its popularity plunge in recent polls.

Meanwhile, Mr Ferenc Somogyi, the State Secretary of Foreign Affairs, announced yesterday that talks with Soviet experts on a pull-out of Forum which shows the Soviet forces from Hungary menacing back and burly neck will continue next Wednesday will continue next Wednesday with an agreement likely be-fore the middle of March, just weeks before the Hungarian

South African 'dirty tricks'

Security net under fire

From Nicholas Beeston, Johannesburg, and Gavin Bell, Cape Town

dent, is beginning to fall apart were allowed to operate after a wave of recent disclosures of "dirty tricks" operaCabinet and Parliament.

One former policeman is tions by the military, police and intelligence services.

The latest revelations came President de Klerk, Mr Botha's successor, prepared to announce, probably today or tomorrow, that he is to meet leaders of the African National Congress to pave the way for a new power-sharing arrangement.

In yesterday's reports, high-ranking officials were allegedly linked to a secret hit squad. They include General Magnus Malan, the Defence Minister, General Jannie Geldenhuys, Chief of Staff of the Defence Forces, and General Witkop Badenhorst, the chief of military intelligence.

The Star said the three men and several other senior officers were directly in command of the so-called Civil Cooperation Bureau, which in- and police forces, the Governvestigators have blamed for ment has authorized the the assassinations of Mr David Webster, a left-wing academic, and Mr Anton Lubowski, the Swapo lawyer in Namibia.

The accusations have led and right to call in Parliament for General Malan to resign. He has admitted the existence of the Bureau, but denies ordering assassinations.

The powerful security apparatus in South Africa, which reached its zenith under Mr called "securocrats" in the top crime-fighting team — the P.W. Botha, the former Presi-military establishment who

After their withdrawal from Namibia, which is about to become independent, the in The Star newspaper in South African Defence Force



General Malan: Denies that he ordered assassinations. restricted and faces huge bud-

Harms Commission to intions. The inquiry was originally launched after Mr Dirk Cotzee, a former police capopposition parties of the left in assassinations of blacks suspected of being ANC

But the scope of the investigation has now broad-Since coming to power last the Bureau, which were allegare expected to attend.

In the greatest challenge yet to the generals in the military quire into the hit-squad allegatain, revealed his involvement members.

ened to include the killings by

murder and robbery squad at

being held under the Internal Security Act, and Lieutenant-Colonel Staal Burger, the squad's former commander, is

The issue of Mr de Klerk's meeting with the ANC was discussed at a Cabinet meeting in Cape Town yesterday, but no statement was issued. An informed source said that the Government was still awaiting an official letter from the ANC requesting a meeting.

The source expected an announcement before the President flies to Zaire on Saturday for talks with other African heads of state.

Mr Walter Sisulu, the veteran ANC activist, said a letter would be sent soon. The organization said at the weekend that it would send a highranking delegation to discuss its preconditions for negotiations, notably an end to the state of emergency and the release of all political

The ANC has now appealed to the Organization of African Unity to prevent the con-ference in Zaire, saying that it runs counter to OAU resolutions on South Africa, but Pretoria is confident that the meeting will go ahead. President Mobutu of Zaire, Rwanda's head of state, and possibly those of Burundi and Gabon,

Maude ends Hanoi talks without boat people deal

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Editor

of State at the Foreign Office, left Hanoi yesterday after four the beginning of May. days of talks without an agreedatory repatriation flights of Vietnamese boat people.

that this amounted to a setback in Britain's attempts to rate of voluntary repatriation the boat people by mandatory as well as voluntary methods. substantial increase". But it The two sides agreed that

could not be resolved by has held out for months voluntary methods alone, and against switching the emphasaid they would try to reach an sis to voluntary methods. accord by the end of the month. The British under- ted Nations High Commissistanding was that this would include mandatory flights, but there was no confirmation from the Vietnamese side.

had failed in his main objec-

in favour of expanding the is an inaccurate description. existing voluntary repatri-

Both sides have always been

1,000 people a month from Britain agreed to help pay

ment to carry out more manreturning boat people at a cost estimated by the sources at Whitehall sources denied about \$150,000 (£100,000).

Mr Maude said the higher bring about the repatriation of the boat people by mandatory May and described it as "a was seen by observers as a the problem in Hong Kong climbdown, because Britain

The United States, the Unioner for Refugees, and the Scandinavian countries have insisted that the voluntary scheme should be given time The sources said it could to work, and mandatory not be argued that Mr Maude repatriation should be only a last resort. This has also been tive, as talks were to continue described by some as forcible through diplomatic channels. repatriation, but the British Government argues that this

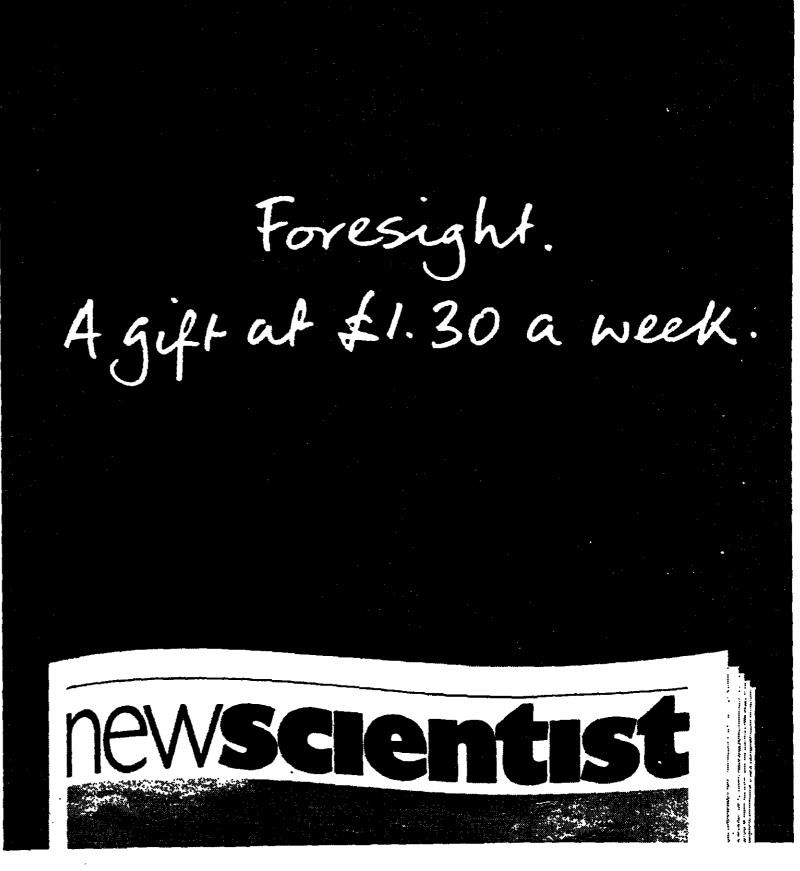
A shift in the British emphaation scheme, and agreed that sis emerged yesterday when fruition."

Mr Francis Maude, Minister it should be stepped up to Mr Maude spoke to reporters after his second meeting with Mr Nguyen Co Thach, the Vietnamese Foreign Minister.

> Until now, UK sources have argued that the world community was close to accepting the principle of mandatory repatriation - based on the outcome of a meeting in January of the steering committee of the 29-nation Conference on Indo-China Refugees in Geneva, when all nations except the US and Vietnam backed a compromise, This would have allowed mandatory repatriation flights to resume in the summer.

> put a different light on the outcome of the Geneva meeting: "We all agreed that there should be a date ... not at which mandatory repatriation should begin but at which it could begin again. It would only be necessary for us to seek a non-voluntary repatriation if those measures on (speeding up) voluntary repatriation did not come to

But Mr Maude yesterday



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Back to the technical side, the LX has a 1.6, 1.8, new 2.0 petrol or new 1.8 litre Turbo Diesel engine. The new 2.0 litre petrol version is, as you'd expect, the most powerful. And will propel you from rest to 60 mph in just 11.1 seconds.

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Whichever model you choose will cruise comfortably, and more importantly, safely, at high speed on those long hops down the motorway.

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Sierra GLX Estate. Sierra XR4x4. Sapphire Ghia.



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All the new DOHC engines get a new gearbox so sophisticated they have syncromesh on reverse. Other features include front fog lamps, headlamp wash-wipe, and electronically heated door mirrors, clearly a good idea.

The Sierra GLS.

At home on the racetrack or the high road.

A sporty car for the driver who still wants to be Jackie Stewart. This car uses the same engine management system as the Ford-Benetton car that won last October's Japanese Grand Prix. Its peppy engine will thrust you from 0-60 in a mere 9.1 seconds*.

There are disc brakes on all four wheels, power assisted steering, and a sports suspension designed to keep you on the roughest of country roads. Ultra-low profile tyres and a black tailgate spoiler on the hatchback ensure you'll also look good around town.

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In addition there's also a new DOHC 2 litre-injected *Ford computed figures.

XR4x4 for the more tax conscious.

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The Opposition's attitude to sanctions against South Africa had more to do with internal Labour Party politics than with producing any particular outcome in South Africa, Mr William Waldegrave, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said in the Commons.

Questioned about the European Community Council of Ministers meeting in Dublin yesterday, he criticized those who passed declaratory motions but did nothing else. There was a great deal of humbug about

Mr George Robertson, an Opposition spokesman on for-eign and Commonwealth af-fairs, said that the meeting represented a further miserable humiliation for Britain, "isolated and derided as the last friend of apartheid".

When economic pressures were just beginning to produce some movement to reform in South Africa, what conceivable reason was there for Britain. alone among all her allies and partners, relaxing the pressures? Did the Prime Minister not recognize the perversity of her

She was reneging on her own commitment, freely entered into, to keep sanctions in place at least until the state of emergency was lifted, until all political prisoners were set free and, as the Commonwealth

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communiqué said: "Change was irreversibly secured". Would be explain how, when the Prime Minister was telling the House yesterday that Britain's investment sanctions were

going to be lifted, come what may, the Forega Secretary (Mr Douglas Hurd) was at the same time in Dublin offering to delay "Who speaks for Britain? Or

was it a case of the messenger not getting the message?"

Yesterday the Prime Minister sought to bolster her feeble case on investment sanctions by quoting BMW (South Africa). Would be confirm that this ent did not come from Germany?

Mr Waldegrave said that, on the last point, the Prime Minister made clear yesterday that those were internal profits being

They made the point that it was rather childish to talk about an investment ban when there were some companies hugely expanding their operations in South Africa.

He was not sure that the Opposition yet understood that the measures taken by the Community on September 15 1986 were quite explicit.

They reaffirmed the urgent need for national dialogue across the line of colour, politics and religion. They urged that, since the South African Government was then taking no steps in that direction, certain measures The dialogue was launched, as all sides had made perfectly clear, and was going to begin soon. The reason for these sanctions—not all sanctions—had therefore fallen. They had

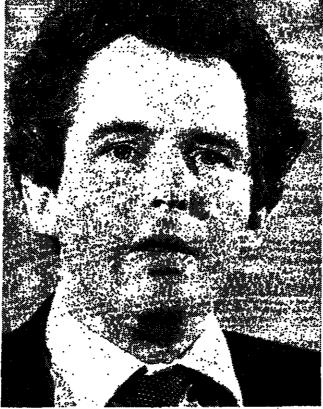
been, in Mr Robertson's terms, He had made a silly point about alleged differences be-tween the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary. There were no differences.

Mr David Howell (Guildford, C), chairman of the Select Committee on Foreign Affairs, said that South Africa had entered a period of transition in which more, not less, investment was needed to help the black communities to develop. Why did Labour MPs seem determined to do down these efforts for referen? efforts for reform?

Mr Waldegrave said that this was nothing to do with producing any particular outcome in South Africa but more with the internal politics of the Labour Party. Labour was making declaratory, emotional statements, not sensible policies. Investment was the best way to

Mr Bowen Wells (Hertford and Stortford, C) suggested that Mr Nelson Mandela should be asked to visit Britain so that the Government could be certain that its policy was co-ordinated

Mr Waldegrave said that Mr Mandela was considering an invitation to visit Britain. It was no news to Mr Mandela that the



Mr William Waldegrave (left) and Mr George Robertson, who clashed in the Commons on the question of sanctions.

British Government disagreed with him on this point. Mr David Winnick (Walsail North, Lab) said that Mr Edward Heath was right to say Dr David Owen, leader of the that Britain was once again isolated over sanctions.

Mr Waldegrave said that other countries had taken similar national positions. During the Falklands War, the Irish Republic had chosen to end sanctions against Argentina unilaterally.

Later. Mr Waldegrave said that, although the Government had had no legal capacity to stop companies investing in South Africa, it had issued guidance that they should not do so. It now seemed suitable to revise

Foreign Secretary (Mr Douglas Hurd) had reported the dis-cussion to the Cabinet that was likely to be done.

SDP, said that the decision taken by the Council of Ministers in October 1986 had been binding on the Government. It was voluntary in that companies could not be bound by the decision, but the Government was bound and could not break it unilaterally. The Government was acting unlawfully.

Mr Waldegrave said that unquestionably the Govern-ment was acting within the law. Mr John Carlisle (Luton North, C) said that since 1986 France had doubled its imports from South Africa and increased

its exports by 20 per cent, Germany had doubled its im-ports and its exports.

it is by economic growth, not economic sanctions." Mr Waldegrave said that all South Africa's principal trading partners had increased their trade with South Africa in recent years. As The Times leader had said today, there was a great deal

of humbug about this subject. Mr Teddy Taylor (Southend East, C) said that European foreign ministers should be told that it was "pure hypocrisy" for them to refuse to end sanctions when sanctions were being ignored in at least five

Mr Waldegrave should tell M

Jacques Delors, the EC presi-dent, to initiate a special inquiry to discover exactly why West Germany had emerged as South Africa's largest trading partner while the German Foreign Min-ister was appealing to Britain to boycott trade with South Africa. "If we are to defeat apartheid,

That was a typical example of ministers agreeing to a policy which they were blatantly ignor-ing in their own selfish interest.

Mr Waldegrave said that there was a big difference be-tween those in the EC and elsewhere whose main policy was declaratory, "who pass mo tions but that is the end of it" and those who were trying to engage in practical actions to help to bring about change in

is the place? for MPs The Tower of London may

Tower

be opened earlier for visitors on Sundays during the summer, Mr David Trippier, Minister for the Environ ment, said.

Mr Conal Gregory (York, C) said that it was a national scandal that the Tower was closed for the whole of Sundays in winter and was open only on Sun-

Mr Trippier said that the practicalities and economics of all-day opening on Sunday were under review. Mr Tosty Banks (New-ham North West, Lab) sug-

gested that Mrs Thatcher should be "banged up" in the Mr Trippier thought that Mr Banks, Mr Frank Haynes (Ashfield, Lab)

and Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) should be locked in the Tower. When they spoke they would still be able to be heard in the Commons (laughter).

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Advice for homeless

An advice service to help to prevent and relieve homelessness was an-nounced at question time by Mr Michael Spicer, Min-ister for Housing and Planning. It would cost about £1 million and would advise on the dangers of leaving home as well as on the help available to those who did become homeless.

As a matter of urgency they were considering what further comprehensive ac-tion was needed, especially for those sleeping rough on

Social fund move refused Mr Michael Meacher,

on social security, un-successfully sought an emergency debate on the High Court ruling today on the op-eration of the social fund.

He said that the ruling meant that thousands of the poorest people in the country had been illegally de-nied help from the fund because of the Government's inflexible approach.

French power Imports of electricity from France last year accounted for. 4 per cent of total electricity available from the United Kingdom public supply system, Mr Tony Baldry, Under Secretary of State tor Energy, said in a written

Commons reply. Electricity

majority, 82.

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Ques-tions: Home Office; Prime Minister. Debate on East-

Dispute on Councils 'asking for £3bn more' **ENVIRONMENT**

If all the figures being talked about by local authorities turned out to be true, it would mean a £3 billion increase in spending above what the Government regarded as reasonable, Mr Caristopher Patten, Secretary of State for the Environment, said during Commons question time. Labour MPs reacted furiously when Mr Christopher Chope, Under Secretary of State for the Environment, revealed that he knew the poll tax registration address in Wandsworth of Mr David Nellist (Coventry South East, Lab). During a plethora of points of order the Speaker came close to that the Government might use. He told Mr Roland Boyes (Houghton and Washington, Lab) that "if authorities insist

'Cab rank' defeat

for Government

expelling MPs when they refused to sit down. Mr Nellist asked how Mr Chope, a former leader of Wandsworth council, had ob-tained the information. Had civil servants given it to him, or had it come from his contacts at

the council? Mr Christopher Patten, Secretary of State for the Environment, said that access to extracts from the register was permitted.
If Mr Nellist had indicated that he did not wish information to be disclosed, his argument was with the registration officer.

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Opposition's alternative to the budgets had been completed.

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setback in the Lords when peers

carried an amendment to the

Courts and Legal Services Bill

requiring solicitors appearing as advocates to comply to the "cab

rank" rule - to accept clients

without regard to reward or

Lord Alexander of Weedon

ensure that everyone had proper

access to the service of ad-

Those given extended rights of audience under the Bill should accept the obligation to

(C), a barrister, moving the amendment on the report stage of the Bill, said that it would Lord Cha

likelihood of winning.

The Government suffered a

recalculated the figures and got

Mr Patter said that the sort of spending increases which some councils were talking about would, on average, mean a 35 per cent increase in domestic rates if during Commons question time. He refused to speculate, how-ever, on the extent of capping that system were still in place next year. There is no conceivable argu-

ment, even if you believed everything every local authority said, no conceivable argument for increases of that size.

"As for the Royal County of Berkshire, I am wholly satisfied with the comment on the same and in the comment of the same and in the comment of the same and in the comment of the same and in the same on budgeting excessively they will be capped; if they budget sensibly they have nothing to with the argument we have put in the past and I hope that their charge-payers will see that the Mr Boyes said that Mr Patten should take into account the manimous decision by the policy committee of Berkshire County Council to condemn the Government for the fairytale figures on its estimate of the cost county council set a sensible budget and not ask for an

The following report appeared in later editions yesterday.

The Government will not intervene directly to help the Royal Shakespeare Company out of its financial dificulties, Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts.

made clear in the Commons. It was for

the Arts Council to decide how to distribute the funds at its disposal.

Opening a debate on the RSC, Mr Mark Fisher, Opposition spokesman on the arts, moved a motion deploring government treatment of the company

which was forcing it to close its stages at the Barbican in London from Novem-ber. The motion called for more

He said that the RSC's decision to

close two London stages showed the

miserable failure of the Government's

arts policy. The Government stood accused of ineptitude and inactivity while one of the world's great theatre

companies closed. No one could deny

"I am quite confident that the RSC will continue with the highest level of excellence and I am very proud of its

increase in income in the high

achievements."

government funding.

Gould, Labour's chief spokesman, was engaged in the dance of the seven veils and the first veil had fallen. When the last fell, would it be a mutually rewarding experie Mr Patten said that Mr Gould

world like to explain the many alleged beaefits of the roof tax, but the Leader of the Opposition (Mr Neil Kinnock) stopped him. Mr Gerrard Neale (Cornwall North, C) said that there was a growing hope and expectation in Cornwall that Mr Patten would see fit to can the outcaseous see fit to cap the outrageous increases being proposed by Cornwall County Council.

Mr Patter said that he had responsibilities towards chargepayers faced with outrageous hills. No final decision could be

that the RSC was a successful company, receiving international acclaim. It was extremely popular. Last year, 1.5 million people paid to see the RSC, yet it was in deficit by £3 million.

Mr Luce had said that arts companies

should go into the market place and look for sponsorship. The RSC had raised £1 million in sponsorship and earned another £1 million a year from commer-cial exploitation of productions.

The recent increase of 11 per cent in

Arts Council grant had been too little too

late. For 10 years the Government had neglected the arts. That could not be put

right by a settlement only 3.5 per cent more than inflation.

Mr Luce said that Labour criticism fell between a Comedy of Errors and Much Ado About Nothing and included an enormous amount of Alice in Wonderland, Mr Fisher had become a

merchant of doom and despondency, far away from the reality of what was

maintain taxpayer support for the arts."

The Government is committed to

The Arts Council had had a cash

happening in the arts.

Government's projections were fiction. It would be better to make a clean breast of it and withdraw the figures rather than nake vague threats about

capping.

Would the Government at least publish the criteria so that local authorities, which could have no confidence in the figures used so far, would have some guidance on how they were expected to make their

Mr Patten said that the Government would be publish-Government would be pablish-ing the criteria on charge-capping, if it had to, long before the Opposition published any statistics on the roof tax. If all the figures for community charge being talked about were true, that would imply a £3 billion increase in spending. "Is

Rape in marriage Bill introduced for saying that it was not a crime at all. There was a simple moral

Mr Harry Cohen (Leyton, Lab) was given leave under the 10-minute rule to introduce the Rape in Marriage (Offence) Bill. He said that such rape was an offence in Scotland but not in England. The law was outrageous and

did not reflect the reality of marriage nor society's attitude to rape. A wife was not a husband's chattel and hecause a woman had said "I do" at one time should not deny her legal protection to say "I do not wish to" at a later time. A husband who was about to he divorced could rape his wife

without any legal penalty. The Government was stalling by referring the subject to the

increase in its resources of 22 per cent over three years. Museums were to have alternative, but he hoped that something a 27 per cent increase over three years.

open during the year.

Mr Brian Sedgemore (Hackney South

and Shoreditch, Lab) said that the Prime

Minister was a legendary philistine who did not understand the way in which Shakespeare moved the human spirit. He called upon Sir Peter Palumbo, chairman of the Arts Council, to resign

for failing to find the additional money to keep the Royal Shakespeare Com-pany open and to bring home to the Government and the public the des-

Mr Tony Banks, an Opposition spokesman on the arts, said that the arts

were no more important than the homeless, unemployment and transport

was far more likely to to be judged on the standards and excellence of its architec-

ture, sculpture, and literature, than on its obsolete weapons of death and

The motion was rejected by 272 votes

chaos, but were as important. An

perate plight of the theatre.

mean a delay of two or three spice and all things nice. years. The fact that a crime was

The Government was spending about £500 million a year. More money was

being raised from the private sector and

Mr Robert Macleman, for the Liberal

Democrats, said that there was no other way out for the RSC than a big increase

in government funding. Barbican seat prices were the highest in London and

since 1985 had increased by 47.5 per

cent. There was no scope for further price increases without infringing the charitable objectives of the RSC charter.

Mr Patrick Cormack (Mid Stafford-

shire, C) said that if the lights of the

Barbican were allowed to go out the arts would be diminished throughout the

nation. The great national theatres deserved special funding. It was unfair

for that responsibility to rest with the Arts Council which could not always

adequately discharge it. The Government should consider special funding for the great national institutions.

The RSC had taken a hard commer-

from sponsorship.

decision to be made. Mr Antony Mariow (North-ampton North, C) opposed the Bill, but did not press it to a division.

He said that remedies to protect women already existed ssault by husband against wife

was a crime and could be dealt with by the courts. It was an absurd measure, motivated by a combination of distress caused to some unfortu-nate women and what Private

Eye would call "wimmin" - the ghastly feminist lobby which seemed to think all men wereevil: that men were made of slugs and snails and puppy dogs' tails and women of sugar and

The Bill was formally read a Luce will not intervene to help RSC

The Opposition motion criticizing the effects of the privatization of the electricity industry was nojected on Tuesday by 289 votes to 207 - Government

Train checks

Passport checks for Channel tunnel passengers will nor-mally take place on trains. Mr David Waddington, Home Secretary, said in a written

New bishop The Bishop of Exeter, the Right Rev Geoffrey Hewlett Thompson, was in-

troduced in the House of Lords.

Lords (3): Courts and Le-

gal Services Bill, report, sec-

How Labour changed its spots

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

should accept the obligation to argue cases without regard to the popularity or unpopularity of cases and should not decline a Related amendments were then

case "because payment is to be agreed to without divisions.

when Bryan Gould, the Labour star of that campaiga, reacted to Labour's third consecutive defeat by saying: "We ought to be looking at where policies ought to come from, what the demand is, what interests we ought to be serving", am ouraged Roy Hattersley said:

"The idea that six weeks after an election defeat, somebody can come along and say: These are all the things we do: we change this policy, we have a new defence policy, we ahandon nationalization, we give up our vision of equality. What we do, we send out a lot of marketing men into the country, just as the Democrats did in America 20 years ago, and say what are the years ago, and say want' and when policies people want' and when we find out what they'll vote for, we'll write it into our manifesto'

— that's not the sort of politics I

Mr Kinnock now presides over a party refushioned to make it safe for Social Democrats to return to, and Mr Hattersley, the fellow veteran of the "drea ticket", is still there beside him. A new book charts the process by which Mr Kinnock in the meantime has attempted to mobilize Labour's own silent majority, reduced the overweening influence of the trade unious, and dropped the main policies utive policy committees and

Emerging from the first meeting of Labour's home policy committee after the last general election, Neil Kinnock said: "I am not in the trimming business".

When Reven Could the Lab.

made by the legal aid fund rather than out of the more

ample private purse". The amendment was intended as a

Lord Mishese, an Opposition

spokesman on legal affairs and a solicitor, said that if one asked

for a privilege already granted to

others, one must accept the burdens that those others had

borne, and one should do so

Lord Mackay of Clashfera

Lord Chancellor, said that the issue would be better dealt with

by the rules made under the Bill than included in the Bill,

because the amendment pro-

vided for exceptions.

bulwark for the citizen.

defence stance.
Patrick Wintour and Colin

leader's airy promise that Labour would knock a million off the unemployment totals within two years when no policy to do so had been worked out at all. Bryan Gould was given three weeks to produce one costing less than \$6 billion

Several key blocks in Neil Kinnock's rebuilding of his par-ty's structures and attitudes are tified. It was a conscious decision, for example, to margin-alize the hard left by going after Militant in its Liverpool lair. Mr Kinnock built a new

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trimming business. But the most intriguing fea-ture of the study is the light cast on the shadows behind the shadows — the Shadow Com-munications Agency, which be-came the prime mover in the policy review process not long after Peter Mandelson, Kin-mock's director of convenience nock's director of campaigns and communications, wrote a memorandum to his boss urging the switch from a policy-committee-based process to a communications-based exercise

in reforming the party's atti-The authors label as "Glitzgroup of volunteers from advertising and marketing offered their services to Labour, in most cases without charge, and how their research and presentations determined the broad strategic themes both of the policy review and of the "Labour listens" process.

The key figure among them was the co-ordinator of the Shadow Communications Agency, Philip Gould, who taught Labour to target the readers of the tabloid newspapers it had previously disdained and to avoid the impression that it represented only minorities.

What they had to do amounted almost to a con-trick on the initially reluctant poli-ticians involved in policy-making: they had to demonstrate what looked like totally indep dent research that Labour had to shed the "Lony Left" image, its dependence on the trade mious dependence on the trade manus and its perceived weakness on

There can be little doubt that they succeeded in that first they succeeded in that they phase: how far the policy review process itself has been a success is yet to be determined — when the election campaign begins to muravel the wool. Labour has discovered thanks

to its communications experts what it no longer can afford to believe in: the question now is what does it really believe in? Labour Rebuilt: The New Model Party by Colin Hughes and Patrick Wintour (Fourth Estate:

MPs approve divorcees move The following report is a fuller version of that she was grateful for the opportunity to that which appeared in later editions express the view of many Anglicans yesterday.
The Commons voted late on Tuesday to

reverse its controversial decision of last year on Church of England ordinations. It carried by 228 votes to 106 a Measure permitting in certain circumstances the ordination of people who had been divorced and remarried or who have married a divorcee.

The Measure had been rejected by only 6 votes (51-45) in the early hours of the morning last July. The House of Lords had approved it, and the Church of England Synod decided to resubmit it, unchanged, to the Commons.

The Measure empowers the archbishops to permit the ordination of someone who has remarried after divorce and whose former spouse is still alive. Mr Michael Alison, Second Church Estates Commissioner, moving the Clergy (Ordination) Measure, said that the debate was an unusual re-run. Because last year's

debate had taken place in the early hours, many suggested that it had not done justice to the importance attached to it by the General Synod. The issue related to the marital status of men and women seeking ordination. At present, those who were divorced and remarried and with their previous partner still living were debarred from ordination. The present absolute bar reflected Christ's teaching about marriage being a lifelong and permanent union. The Mea-

sure did not seek to question, abrogate or

repudiate that doctrinal position.

Parliament had established the synod to give more time and consideration to such matters but had rightly reserved the last word to itself. It was right for the House to consider such matters, and they should adapt the old saying: Religion was too important to be left to bishops and clergy. Mrs Ann Winterton (Congleton, C) said

express the view of many Anglicans mystified by what the church was seeking to condone. Their voice was not sufficiently reflected in synod. They looked to the church to provide them with a lead in moral and other matters and had been sadly disappointed.

destruction.

It might not be the right time for Parliament to take on the established church and give it a boot up the backside, but she believed it to be the right moment to make a stand against liberal trends on matters of morality.

To allow the ordination of men who had

been divorced and then remarried made a mockery of the church's teaching.

Mr Tony Benn (Chesterfield, Lab) said that the matter threw into sharp focus the matter of church-state relations. One of the motives of those who opposed the Measure, he believed, was that church

pronouncements on peace, poverty and social justice had greatly angered some Conservative MPs. He would not take lectures from those who had enacted legislation that had caused so much social If the Measure were accepted, the House If the Measure were accepted, the House was really accepting the right of the church to be free. If it rejected the Measure, the church would demand its freedom.

Mr John Gummer (Suffolk Coastal, C), a member of the General Synod, said that the proposal was for a special case for the very people of whom a higher standard was asked than others. What signal did that cend to the rest of the community?

send to the rest of the community? Mr Andrew Rowe (Mid Kent, C) said that to reject the Measure was to say that the House doubted the redemptive power of the Holy Spirit, distrusted the judgement of the archbishops and that MPs were happy to ride rough-shod over the vocation of a to ride rough-shod over the vocation of a handful of Christians to gratify their prejudices or feed their human fears. Ms Jo Richardson (Barking, Lab) said

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Parliament ought to make a decison. It should be left to the synod.

West relations.

ond day.

Mr Frank Field (Birkenhead, Lab) opposed the Measure and said that they had to decide on the balance of the argument, not on the high theology used by some MPs who also opposed it.

They were hains select by the church to They were being asked by the church to create a privileged group who could be divorced and remarry in the lifetime of a spouse, and be ordained, while most people

Sir Patrick Mayhew (Tunbridge Wells, C) said that they should allow the law of the church to take account of the circumstances in which an undoubted infringement of the church's code had taken place.

"I stand by the doctrine that, for a Christian, remarriage when your divorced former wife was alive was adulterous and therefore a sin."

However, to insist that someone who wished to be ordained should always be barred because, perhaps long ago, he had divorced and remarried was a disproporionate sanction and inherently wrong.

Mr Mertys Rees (Leeds South and Morley, Lab) said that, lose or win, it would be one more little movement along the road to disestablishment. Both the Church in Wales and the Church of Ireland were the better for having been freed from political control.

Mr Hugo Summerson (Walthamstow, C) said that the Church of England had gone wrong and it no longer provided the guidance that ordinary people expected. He had lost trust in the church and did not believe the church and di believe its motives were correct. The Measure should be rejected.

Mr Simon Hughes (Southwark and Bermondsey, Lib Dem) said that to defeat the Measure would be to deny the secrement of forgiveness for to those who were to be ordained, a sacrament which the church offered to its lay members.

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DANIEL ORTEGA rive for a day or two

around the dusty roads of Managua, the lakeside capital of Nicaragua, and the chances are you will be overtaken by a speeding American Jeep, not of the army variety but the shiny black and chromium type beloved

of wealthy young Americans.

In the back sit big men clutching guns, and at the wheel hunches a mild-looking, moustachioed man, probably clad in an Italian leather jacket and jeans. The driver is Daniel Ortega, guerrilla leader, president and the man long viewed by Ronald Reagan as an incarnation of the Leninist devil.

Fidel Castro would not be seen dead in a product from the country he reviles in only slightly stronger terms than does Ortega. But Daniel, as he is universally called, finds nothing odd in his attachment to his designer Jeeps, bought in spite of the United States embargo.

The vehicle, and Ortega's affinity with things American, are part of the contradictions that define the 44-year-old Nicaraguan president, and which help explain why he may win the election next Sunday and become a member of that very rare breed, revolutionary leftists with a more or less democratic mandate.

A decade since Ortega and his Sandinista comrades stormed down from the hills and joined a middle-class uprising to overthrow the hated Anastasio Somoza, Daniel still comes across as one of the world's more unlikely leaders. No typical Latin strongman, he has none of the magnetism of a Castro, the elo-quence of Tomas Borge, the interior minister and his hardline Sandinista rival. He lacks the macho panache of Bayardo Arce, another of the nine comandantes in the ruling directorate, and the tactical insight of his younger brother Humberto, the army chief.

In the early days, foreigners who met Ortega wondered how this awkward young man could have achieved his status as Reagan's bogeyman, the "dictator in designer glasses", as the old president used to call him. "You couldn't have a decent exchange with him, he came at you with this revolutionary jargon like a stream of little recorded messages," one

interlocutor remembers. The appearance was always

comandantes initially picked Ortega as a compromise among feuding rivals. But his inner steel, forged by battle and seven years of jail and torture, was recognized by his comrades, particularly those who tried and failed to out-

manoeuvre him in the 1980s. Since 1984, when Ortega won a presidential election, boycotted by the opposition on US advice, he has grown in authority and sophistication, deploying allies in key positions and becoming the country's unchallenged leader.

Always the pragmatist, he used his authority to push his fellow comandantes towards compromise in 1987. This paved the way to the regional peace accords and negotiation with the Contra rebels as well as a shift from harsh ideology. Enough of the repressive state machinery was lifted to permit open political campaigning. The result is an election arguably no more biased than those of Mexico, El Salvador and other Latin states which Washington certifies as democratic.

In recent months, Ortega has undergone a metamorphosis. He has emerged as a more polished performer, displaying skills that could have come straight from an American campaign book. Some probably did, since the Sandinistas employ a New York firm of consultants. Gone, for example, are the drab uniforms, thick glasses and revolutionary rhetoric. In their place have come a contact-lensed, casually dressed, joggingslim man of the people who greets crowds rather in the manner of a rock star. He kisses babies, poses with beautiful women and signs baseballs which are then hurled into the audience. With Daniel in charge, the slogans proclaim, todo sera mejor (everything will be better). Violeta Chamorro, his opponent is no match when it comes to style and campaigning machinery, though it is still conceivable that that she could reap the widespread resentment that war and economic misery have bred, and defeat Ortega.

The idea of the Ortega slogan is that the sun will rise for Nicaragua once he receives a popular mandate. The Americans will be forced to drop their economic offensive and call off the Contras, some 3,000 of whose men are still skirmishing inside the country. They are not so sure of that outcome in Washington, where tega is seen as a ruthless



tactician who may swiftly move against civil liberties again, once he is safely in power.

Ortega bristles when the Americans denounce him as a Marxist-Leninist puppet of the Kremlin, whatever that might now mean. If he has a creed, it is an eclectic mix of Latin nationalism, Catholic mysticism and that Marxism of the radical Sixties generation from which he sprang. "I admire Marx, I respect Marx, as I also admire and respect Lenin," he said re-cently. "But I also admire Lincoln, Washington, Bolivar and Christ as

well." He might also have added Bob Dylan and Che Guevara.

The key to Ortega is his loathing for the evil he believes the US inflicted on his country through a century of manipulation and frequent military occupation. I didn't have any Marxist-Leninist training or any ideas of that sort, but I thought that anything that came from the US was bad. That was simply because I could see that the US was supporting Anastasio Somoza."

From his birth in the northern village of La Libertad in 1945, Ortega and his two brothers were bathed in the bitterness of the lower middle-classes towards the Somoza family and their American protectors. His father had been a supporter of August Cesar Sandino, the nationalist rebel murdered in 1934 by the elder Somoza. After he lost his job at an American gold mine, the father took his family to a poor district of Managua where the brothers grew

up playing baseball and eating hot-Former school-mates say the brothers' revolutionary enthusiasm blossomed when their father's poverty forced them to leave their well-to-do Catholic school, and they were dropped by their Americanized friends.

In his teens, Ortega organized a loose anti-Somoza gang which protested and indulged in terrorist attacks. By the mid-Sixties he had joined the revolutionary Sandinista National Liberation Front and was sent to Cuba at the age of 20 for training. After robbing banks and taking part in the murder of a notorious Somoza torturer, he was caught and jailed.

In prison, frequently tortured he developed the resolve and selfdiscipline that later took him to the top. He read - Les Mistrables was his favourite - and began writing poetry and corresponded with Rosario Murrillo, a budding young poet and Sandinista supporter who had been educated in England and Switzerland. Ro-sario, a powerful influence, later became his common-law wife and bore him five children. In recent months, however, Nicaragua's first lady has gone her own way as Daniel has campaigned alone, or appearing with other women.

His freedom came in 1974, when a Sandinista squad stormed a high-society Christmas party and demanded the release of political prisoners in exchange for their prominent hostages. In late 1975, Daniel returned from Cuba and Costa Rica to help reconcile feuding Sandinista factions.

ollowing Humberto's lead, he shaped the coalition of guerrillas, urban youth and businessmen that eventually brought down Somoza in 1979, after President Jimmy Carter pulled out American support. A third Ortega brother, Camillo, was killed in the fighting.
After a euphoric period in which

the Sandinistas were hailed by leftists the world over as the embodiment of revolutionary glamour, they fell out with the "bourgeois" partners in their rul-ing junta and, with Soviet-bloc support, began installing the apparatus of the armed party-state. But while the Ortegas divided power between them, just as Fidel and Raul Castro had done, their directorate stopped well short of full totalitarian control. Even as he mobilized their country to fight the contras, a force created by Reagan to make the Sandinistas cry uncle", Ortega professed a belief in pluralism and a mixed economy and, unlike hardline Cuba, his regime retained its standing as a fashionable cause for western socialists. It is a sign of the changing times that the pragmatic Ortega has removed any reference to socialism from his party's election manifesto.

Now, after a war that has cost some 35,000 lives and with the economy in collapse, a more mellow and confident Ortega appears intent on the kind of compromises that will help restore international confidence and end the "Yankee blockade".

If he is lucky, he will not this time have to face the test of his proclaimed democratic beliefs that would come with a defeat by Chamorro. Few foreign observers believe he would really give up the power he has consolidated over two decades of war and intrigue.

A revolution made in Japan

It is the blank white crockery commandeered from the imperial porcelain factory and decorated either with the abstract vocabulary of the avantgarde Suprematist movement, or with pictures of heroic workers and slogans such as: on the ceramics May the Bourgeois Disappear, Cease to Exist!"

Today, with bourgeois attitudes in the ascendant on both fake porcelain sides of the Iron Curtain, such plates have become the ul-The record for a single example Nina Lobanov-Rostovsky, the rose to £44,000 last October.

The problem is that the capitalistic urge has brought with it a darker side. It has turned Russians into grandscale fakers, bringing them into line with their Western counterparts, and their skills will be demonstrated at "Fake? The art of deception", a major British Museum exhibition from March 9.

The Russian faking industry has been hampered by a lack of painted on the information on exactly what upper side. the backs of the plates should Underneath look like. As museums tend to can be found display only the fronts, bloomers such as incorrect signatures supposedly and dates can be detected, but only by a handful of experts. Buyers who have been conned include many Western dealers

restricted. A handful of Berlin ists did not travelling exdealers commission a "runner" cover the Revolutionary plate: from 1921 hibition of Soviet textiles Lobanov-Rostorsky, will be public to go to the Soviet Union, stock up, then fly to East Berlin, and gram at all, but painted the further publicized the glories of lished by Cassell in May.



of the revolution imminent, the trickle of Sarah Jane Checkland

is set to turn into a flood. "Alas, my book will become a handbook for fakers," says few imaginary marks to trip them up, but my publishers refused, saying it wouldn't be

off-loading.

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scholarly." Owners of fake plates, Lobanov-Rostovsky says, are often loath to acknowledge their problem, being keen to pass the parcel on as quickly as possible, and if possible, for a

profit. upper side. blobs of paint covering up the imperial cy-pher. In fact, contrary to the faker's belief,

A weekly Lobanov-

look at art world

made in 1922. busy brushes at work in Mos-cow, Leningrad, Berlin and elsewhere", and they have been

inspired by several events. One was the unwise announcement by the state museum for ceramfill in the gaps in its "agit-prop" The plates are usually (Western museums keep their

purchasing policies secret, to avoid affectart circles. Then, in 1985, a major

nly one art form survives from the time of the Russian Revolution.

It is the blank white crockery

- literally - take the underground train to the West for the mer, during a vious periods when bona fide trip to Sweden, versions of the plates were made for export - in the 1920s Rostovsky was and 1950s - it is only in the last decade that the market in

shown "magnificantly cynical fakes has arrived. painted pot" dated 1919. Suspects include the families "But there was of the original porcelain artists no USSR in who still have stocks of blank
1919," she says. plates under their beds. Due to

Likewise, any Suprematist the freezing conditions at the plates dated 1919 to 1921 are factory, their grandfathers had fake, as the first real ones were been allowed to take them home, where they could work Who are the culprits? in relative comfort. These According to Lobanov- people were also commissioned Rostovsky "there have been by the ceramics state museum to produce copies of missing examples, and the theory is that after the contract was complete, they carried on painting. As things are going the only

Then,

ics at Knskovo, on the outskirts of Moscow, that it intended to prop market is not by traprop market is not by tra-ditional stylistic analysis but by and Suprematist holdings the scrupulous checking of provenance. "The minute you hear it's come from a Berlin dealer, suspect," said an expert. Lobanov-Rostovsky has armed herself with undisputed examples, "as from December 31 1989," and awaits developing the market.)
The purchasing ments with interest. But despite budget was large, and besuch precautions, fake propaganda plates - which do not came known in show up on the security screens at airports - are here to stay.

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The Eliminator crossword puzzle (for solution, see page 24), published last Thursday, was intentionally difficult since its purpose was to reduce the number of qualifiers for the London regional finals of The Times Collins Dictionaries Crossword Championship to manageable

proportions.

About a third of the clues were of the same standard as the ordinary daily puzzle. The explanations of the remainder are as follows:

Across

1 Move at an early stage to give bishops longer careers (10) — Flanchetto: the early movement of a knight's pawn to develop a bishop on a long. diagonal. 6 Cheese-cutter used in cake piping (4) - Kept.

9 A lot of drink makes a dictator out of a fellow 9 A lot of draw makes a occanor out of a relow (10) — Salmanazar: man in Salazar, the Portuguese dictator. A salmanazar is a bottle equivalent to 12 ordinary bottles. It refers to an Assyrtan king mentioned in II Kings 17.3, which unfortugately does not tell us why he was a 12-

12 Slow-witted Egyptian slave (4) - Esne: ESN = educationally sub normal.

13 Literally from start to finish, Lit. Hum. a disaster - like a number of degrees! (9) - Azimuthal: AZ plus anegram of Lit. Hum. a. 18 A formerty pre-eminent orthodox head (5) — Exerch: the head of certain autonomous

Eliminator explained

Orthodox Christian churches, especially in Bulgaria and Cyprus.
23 Where to find Susanna, since the Canon won't have her (9) — Apocrypha: the history of Susanna in the Apocrypha, which is outside the Biblical canon, or list of sacred writings officially recognised as genuine.

recognised as genuine.

26 Retired Indian's capital (4) — ipon: reverse of Hopi Indian; ipon the capital of Perak, Malaysia.

28 Said to exploit W Africans (4) — Ewes: a negroid people of W Africa.

29 College has a Herald Extraordinary with many facets (10) — Polyhedral: Poly (technic) plus anegram Herald.

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1. Join artist less than half a mile august (4).

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1 Join artist less than half a mile away (4)— Fuse:
Fuseli, Swiss artist, minus II, Chinese unit of
distance, about 3/8 mile.
2 Lacking in guts, perhaps, for the ascent of
splendid mountain in S Africa (7)— Aplasia:
medical term for congenital absence of organ;
aliginals reversed.

3. Angel hard to make out in shadowy portrayer (5-7)—Clare-obscure: another (French) word for chiaroscuro, the batance of light and shade in a picture, and the peinter's skill in the treatment of shadows: Angel Clare, the central character in Tess of the D'Urbervilles.

4. Martin sounds under age, so can be removed (8)—Enssable: sable is fur of the marten.

11. Rebound a huge ordinal—once the King's property (3-9)—Dun Laoghaire: known as Kingstown 1821-1921; anagram.

17. Arms used in the occupation of Chester (8)—Heraldry: Chester Herald, an officer of the College of Arms.

19. What happened when the early cinema forgot to plot (7)—Apocope: the removal of the final latter or syllable(s) of a word, as in cinema, which started life as cinematograph.

21. Tell his opponent he raised his hat in vain (7)—Gessier: Hermann G, steward of the Duke of Austria, put his hat on a pole in Altorf to which the Swiss had to do reverence. When William Tell greater

Austria, put his hat on a pole in Altorf to which the Swiss had to do reverence. When William Tell refused, Gessier made him shoot the apple off his son's head. (Asked what his second arrow was for, Tell replect" to shoot you with, had I killed my son").

22 it shows how tast the junkel runs out at a party (6) — Speedo: Spirjee/do. Competitors with the informed of their results in the Eliminator within three weeks.

John Grant



ALAN HAMILTON

The emotional reappearance of cellist Mstislav Rostropovich in Leningrad the other day almost didn't happen, I learn. He and the National Symphony Orchestra of Washington, of which he is the conductor, arrived on Friday but the musicians, appalled at the thought of drinking the brown tap water and the only marginally less disgusting local bottled water after two days of it in Moscow, refused to appear at the Philharmonic Hall unless they were provided with French mineral water. Chase Manhattan, the tour sponsor, had to fly 500 litres of the stuff from Paris to Helsinki and cart it thence by road to Leningrad, where it arrived a day late and only in the nick of time to save the concert. And no, it wasn't Perrier; it was the rival and, so far, untainted Evian.

hile in Leningrad, this column's representative asked Mrs Tatiana Zakharova, deputy mayor in charge of cultural affairs, about the ninebillion rouble refurbishment programme to return the city to its full Tsarist glory for the 300th anniversary of the founding of St Petersburg in 1703. What would the place be called by the time of the 2003 junketing? "Leningrad," said Mrs Zakharova without hesitation. She's Party, you understand. However on March 4 she is being opposed for the first time by a non-Party candidate in the city elections. So we'll see, won't we?

• Gritted teeth, I suspect, for the Prince of Wales in Washington tonight when he attends the annual awards ceremony of the American Institute of Architects. Top prize will go to Kohn Pedersen Fox, designers of part of the Canary Wharf development which Charles so patently dislikes and of which he asked: "Why does it have to be so tall?" It's all right, Sir, tonight's winners designed the low bits.

oday's saddest story of the New European Order concerns Dr Ronald Scheel, who left his home in East Germany as soon as the Hungarians opened their border to the West last September. Driving his trusty Trabant, the world's worst car but now something of a freedom symbol, he pushed on through Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Austria, braving all manner of hardships, toils and snares until he reached the safety of West Germany. Impressed that his Trabant was still functioning, and having inordinate faith in its noisy and noxious two-stroke engine, he had the brilliant notion of driving on and presenting the car to the Beaulieu motor museum in Hampshire. Alas, this epic journey came to a sudden end on Tuesday afternoon, when he was hit by a lorry on an autobahn outside Stuttgart. From a German roadside phone he informed Beaulieu that he was fine, "but the car is sick". The Trabant is currently in a garage, while an anxious Dr Scheel camps in an adjoining hotel. Staff at Beaulieu, who are extremely keen to have what was to be the only example in Britain of a P601 Limousine (was ever a word so misused?), are on that it was a very small lorry.



'My shares keep falling down'

olls-Royces and Porsches parked outside the Methodist church wilmslow, Cheshire, have so embarther that they have resorted the wheel clamps. In future anyone using the church car park without permission, blocking access to funerals and other vital business, will be able to drive away only after paying £25 to be unclamped. Unless, of course, they care to join the church.

espite the acres of newsprint devoted to his alleged chicanery while chairman of Guinness, Deadly Ernest Saunders maintains remarkably cordial relations with the press covering his trial at Southwark Crown Court. Indeed he has taken to awarding a prize for what he considers the best coverage of the day. His first winner was The Sport (not a journal in much danger of being mistaken for the Financial Times), which wrapped up the day's riveting hearing in two tiny para-graphs at the bottom of page two. The page one headline meanwhile shouted: "Three-In-A-Bed Led To Death."

On the southern side of the River Thames, between the bridges at Blackfriars and Southwark, you will find Zoar Street. I will amend Blackfriars Bridge, turn left and left again, and you discover an enclave of thoroughfares among which the London A-Z street guide and gazetteer promises Zoar Street - the penultimate entry, with only Zoffany Street in Archway, N19, before you reach the end of the index. Sumner Street is the main drag; off it snake Holland and Hopton, Castle and Canvey, also Bear Lane, where I asked a workman for Zoar Street's whereabouts. Spell it, he said. I spelt it. "With a Z?" I said ves. He had not heard of it never come across a street starting with a Z.

Some time after that, in Great Guildford Street, I inquired of a

Please complete our birth certificate

t may be difficult for Britons to understand the depth of feeling behind Australia's request to hold permanently one of the two vellum copies of the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act of 1900 - a request which now has the backing of a private member's Bill introduced into the Com-

mons by Labour MP Alf Morris. Constitutionally speaking, Australia is a young country, yet it is fast developing a sense of history. As we look back to affirm our origins as a nation, we cannot go past this Act, which is the sole repository of the constitutional provisions which determine the shape of Australian government and which our people regard as the embodiment of Australian nationhood. For Australians, our written constitution is not a dry and dusty piece of paper, but a living document which continues to have a direct and immediate impact on a vast range of our country's affairs. From Britain's

history, heritage and traditions shared by Australia and Britain. The values of individual liberty that we uphold, the democratic freedoms that we champion, the social justice that we enjoy, the commitment to peace

point of view, it symbolizes the

and the rule of law have never been so relevant. We Australians are fortunate to have a constitution which. little changed since its enactment in 1900, embodies all these ideals.

The interest in it among ordinary Australians is evident. Since our bicentennial in 1988, when the copy of the Act that we seek was lent for display in Australia, some two million visitors have seen it in the new Parliament House in Canberra. If we are granted permanent possession of this document, it would most likely have pride of

place in the museum of political history planned for the old Parliament House building in the national capital. A unique aspect of our constitution is its thoroughly Australian character. It was endorsed at the time by a majority of Australians and by each of our parliaments and governments, and has been amended only by a

unique Australian process

involving a popular vote. It was appropriate that Alf Morris should introduce his Bill on February 12, for this coincided with the centenary of the Australasian federation con-ference held in Melbourne from February 6 to 14, 1890. This conference, which brought toBob Hawke,

the Prime Minister of Australia.



possession of a document that would round off their nationhood

gether the six Australian colonies, agreed the steps which eventually led to federation. It passed a resolution in favour of their "early union".

For Australia, progress towards independence was evolutionary, not revolutionary. At the time of the passage of our constitution, full independence from Britain was a prospect well in the future. The constitution set us on a path of peaceful and ungrudging disengagement from the protection of our British founders, and led to the irresistible emergence of an indepen-

dent and self-reliant Australia. In June last year, while visiting Britain, I met the Anzac group of MPs and peers and tried to convey to them the meaning and significance to Australia of

the Parliament at Westminster. It was from there that the 1787 speech from the throne announced the intention of the Pitt administration to form the First Settlement of Australia. The same Parliament also authorized the first expenditures on the infant colony of New South Wales. And it was at Westminster - on July 9, 1900 - that the Act which gave birth to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia was passed, establishing the basic institutions of parliamentary government and the judiciary in the

new Australian nation. Britain has staked out its future as part of a large and integrated Europe, and Australians have moved to involve ourselves with the dynamism of Asia and the Pacific. But it would be wrong to conclude that we are therefore drifting apart.

Since our bicentennial celebrations, the relationship between Australia and Britain has been revitalized and modernized. The most remarkable thing about our relationship is not the extent of change but the substance which

No other nation has had so direct and detailed a legislative and constitutional connection with the Parliament at Westminster as Australia. Only in 1986, with the Australia Bill, did Parliament in Canberra vote to terminate any remaining powers for Westminster to make laws affecting us.

Despite considerable changes in the composition of the Australian population since the Second World War, despite the new

society created by communities from very different backgrounds - some with different systems of democracy, some where there is no tradition of democracy at all - the Australian commitment to parliamentary democracy remains as strong as ever. The Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act symbolizes and gives life to that commitment.

We have recently ascertained that we hold in Australia a duplicate original of the Royal Proclamation, signed by Queen Victoria, which brought the Act into force on January 1, 1901. This is in addition to our duplicate original of the Commission of Royal Assent to the Act, also signed by Queen Victoria. Obtaining the copy of the Act which we now seek would complete the trinity of documents which, taken together, represents the birth certificate of

When the constitution was enacted, Australians became one people. It would be fitting if by 2001 - Australia's centenary of federation, the first major celebration of our constitutional nationhood — the Act had a permanent home in Australia to serve as the focal point for the

Bernard Levin takes evasive action at the very mention of a prehistoric fossil

Crawlies that give me the creeps

r Stanley Wood, a palaeontologist by trade, has discovered a fossilized scorpion's head, which he claims is 340 million years old. Well, it could be 680 million for all I care. But he added that the head was two feet wide, from which he deduced that the whole thing would have been 10ft long.

I have to say, with the very greatest emphasis, that I do not wish to know that, I am one of those unfortunate people who suffer from a phobia; my particular terror is of all varieties of creepy-crawly, though the disorder is at its most intense when the eight-legged kind comes scuttling towards me. And when I learn that in the Carboniferous era, scorpions more than three yards long abounded, I tend to get into bed and pull all the bedclothes over my head, though not before pushing the chest of drawers against the door and making sure that the cyanide pill

Moreover, this is not the first time Mr Wood, may he be found as a fossil 340 million years hence, has caused me to climb half way up the chimney and stay there. He is greatly given to the practice of finding horrors from bygone ages and describing them in a manner well calculated to turn my sleep to screaming nightmare. He seems to find most of his beasties at East Kirkton, în Scotland, and so far, in addition to the loft stinging Thing, he has produced giant millipedes (as any insectophobe

n Sunday Mrs Thatcher made a speech covering a

On Monday morning the news-

papers focused almost exclusively on that part dealing with

German unification. The mess-

age the reports conveyed, di-

rectly or indirectly, was clear:

Mrs Thatcher is suspicious of the

She accepts that German unity is inevitable, but says it must not

become "a new source of in-stability" and must respect the

rights of the four wartime allied

powers and the commitments to

existing European borders. Ger-

many must remain part of Nato,

with American and other foreign

troops stationed there, and it would be reasonable for some

Soviet troops to remain in East

Germany. The whole business of

unification needs to be "thought

through". Given that Mrs

Thatcher was addressing the

Board of Deputies of British

Jews, her unease seemed to carry

gave the story great prominence,

and they implicitly conveyed the

same message from between the

lines of Mrs Thatcher's speech:

that she wants Nato troops to

remain in Germany not only for

All the quality newspapers

consequences of unification.

number of foreign topics.

will tell you, the more legs the scorpions for all the comfort it greater the horror), harvestman spiders (whatever they may be, and I fear the worst) and millions

of the scorpions.

Then it gets worse. It seems that the received belief about the Carboniferous period has hitherto been that it was ruled by the giant amphibians, who spent their time snoozing from morning to night in the Carboniferous warmth. But no, says Wood; the giant scorpions would have done them in in no time: "Amphibians", he insists, "couldn't afford to lie about sunning themselves with these carnivores scurrying around." I suppose not; just listen to Wood as he warms to

They would capture their prey and drag it under cover. Then they injected their digestive juices into their prey, and waited until it had become a soup. Then they sucked it up.

Well, it takes all sorts... There really is a man who thinks 10ft scorpions, together with millipedes that would stretch from here to right over there, and boasting about his finds boasting, I may say, to such good purpose that his fellow palaeontologists have taken to calling him "Stan" and agreeing with him that at East Kirkton at least, the scorpions once ruled the earth. There is some argument about whether his friends were aquatic giant scorpions or terrestrial giant scorpions, but I refuse to take sides; the horrible things might have been flying giant would bring me.

Do you remember a film called Them? The things of the title were a family of giant ants, at least as big as Stan's scorpions, and the female of the species, towards the end of the film, was gravid with millions upon millions of itty-bitty ants, all of which, when they were born, were going to grow up as giant ones, which in a few ant generations would have overrun the entire earth. (I suppose the giant scorpions might have been induced to deal with them, but I wouldn't have bet on it.) Just in time, the hero shot the monster. and the ant larvae perished in their mother's womb. It will not surprise you to learn

that I did not go to see that film; all I know of it was from reading the reviews, and that was quite bad enough. (I did look at the pictures outside the cinema where it was showing, but I did not do so twice.) I took comfort, so far away, indeed, that it came from my schooldays. The giant ants in the film had, of course, the same shape and proportions as real ones. But I remembered, or I thought I did, that if the length and breadth of a solid object are multiplied by x, its mass is thereby multiplied by x squared (Or is it cubed?) The giant ants, therefore, could not have existed. Score one for peace

That, though, was fiction; according to Stan, Stan, the scorpion man, his 10ft stingers were



as real as - well, as his giant millipedes. (The scorpions were, so to speak, made to measure, so the reassurance from the mathematical formula did not apply to them.) And remember that I have not even started to discuss the harvestman spider, largely because I fear that if I did so, I would find Stan insisting that the Them in my bathroom; it was

thing was five yards across when there would be nothing for it but a spoonful of honey to help

the cyanide pill go down. The Thing doesn't have to be a prehistoric one. Staying in the country, always a dangerous custom for the arachnophobe, not long ago, I found One of

about the size of a fully-grown octopus, and I flew down the stairs gibbering, in the hope of finding someone still about other than Stan, of course - to take an interest in my plight. Fortunately, my hostess had not gone to bed, and the brave girl picked it up with a tissue and sent it on its way. (The real phobic, like me, screams as loudly at seeing some normal person dealing with the enemy as he would if he met it alone.)

suppose we can argue that we are still top creature; we are here, after all, and where are the giant scorpions, the mile-long millipedes, even the basking amphibians which the scorpions turned into soup and then so horridly slurped up? Order after order of almost incredible creatures once ruled the earth, and went their way, none knows whither (well, apart from the ones that fetched up at East Kirkton. But why are we so sure that the same fate is not lurking somewhere to account for us? After all, the number of theories purporting to explain why and how the dinosaurs died out are as numerous as the stars above us.

The truth of the matter is thatthe universe, whoever is in charge of it, moves in a mysterious way its wonders to perform. But I do feel that it need not have paused in its performance to create 10ft scorpions and similarly proportioned milline say nothing of the giant harvestman spider, or for that matterthe common or garden one,

Tegenaria domestica I forgot to say that Stan's other discoveries have included the remotest ancestors of frogs. L have no fear of frogs; indeed I rather like the little fellows. But I recognize that one man's smile is another man's cold sweat, and I send greetings and sympathy to all the batrachophobics who are? reading this. Mind you, from eat spiders. But who will serve up; Stan as soup for his scorpions?

Ronald Butt urges a more positive approach to German unity

Victims of a new prejudice

fear of the Soviet Union and its still great armaments, but for fear of the Germans.

For some time the German press and politicians have been deeply dismayed by and angry at Mrs Thatcher's negative attitude towards the unity of their nation. What they read in the British press this week has inevitably

intensified those feelings.
It is true that Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, has since stated in Die Welt "without reserve" that Britain now gives full support to unification, its worries having been assuaged by the Ottawa agreement that the issue will be approached in consultation with the four powers. But even Mr Hurd gave as his reason for keeping Nato troops in Germany "as a permanent feature of European security" the need to "avoid the mistakes of the 1920s". It is difficult to see how that can be taken other than as a reference to Germany and it may imply that disgust from the kind of bile peace requires a permanent army of occupation. The full text of Mrs Thatcher's

speech does, it is true, have sentences which soften the apparently brusque analysis. She acknowledges that the Western allies have always supported unification and that Chancellor Kohl and Herr Genscher, the Foreign Minister, both recognize the need to take account of all other interests concerned.

But well-informed and respon sible political journalists throughout the British press interpreted Mrs Thatcher's words as they did in the light of what they already knew of her attitude from briefings and conversations with politicians and officials over recent months.

The Government does not, of course, share the insensate anti-Germanism that has recently surfaced in parts of the tabloid press. Ministers must turn with

displayed in a two-page spread in The Star after Mrs Thatcher's weekend speech; it spoke of "the old Teutonic lust". asked whether "the Master Race" will be reborn, gave pictures of Hitler's goose-stepping troops and showed pictures of young Nazis in Leipzig, which have as much relevance to the present situation in Germany as pictures

of young National Fronters have

here. It commented: "Lest we

forget, Hitler was a democra-tically elected leader," which is essentially inaccurate. But the negative attitude of Mrs Thatcher's government is well on the way to turning a tried friend into a suspicious, anxious and perhaps inward-looking country. It is putting at risk the friendship established between people in the two countries. It fails to give due weight to the political realities, including the

obsessional concern of the Ger-

first half of this century should not happen again, and their dedication to democracy. Worst, the Government's present stance is counter-productive.

The impetus towards unification has come not from the leaders, but from the people in East Germany in search of liberty. In many minor ways, unification is already happening, and it will bring great strains to the prosperous West Germans as they accept their obligations to their fellow-countrymen.

We need Germany in Nato for the safety of the West, but by its attitude, which is fully reported in Germany, the British government is encouraging German neutralism and damaging its best German friends. Chancellor Kohl faces a dangerous challenge from the Social Democrats, whose position will be strengthened by unification. This carries a risk of neutralism which could

balance of power in Europe. We should embrace German: unity as a demonstration of the; self-determination of a people. who have given great things to. civilization. We should give up our obsession with the particular horrors of Hitler's 12-year rule,

really damage the precarious

which pretends that it represented something peculiarly German, and ignores the reality: that in the worst atrocities there was no lack of willing executants among people of other nations. We should look at German history (and French and British) over the century, and regain our

We are in danger of a new kind of licensed racism. Things can be ; said of the Germans which if said of any other people would be stigmatized as racist. We must put a stop to it, and ministers should give a lead by words of welcome instead of warning. We should make it. clear that the case for Nato: troops in Germany is for the purposes of the long-tried alliance, not as an army of occupa-tion among a free people. The Government should change its tone. Does it think that nobody's in Germany is listening — or that Germans have no sensitivity?

A road that fails to register

trawling taxi; the driver said, "You've just passed it." I thanked him and went back. It is there. Number 1 Zoar Street houses the Vehicle Licensing Office, where they examine cars prior to permitting you to transfer number plates from one to another.

Some 30 years ago, before there was a trade in cherished numberplates, I telephoned a nice man at what was then the London County Council and asked whether he had an engaging registration available for a car I was giving my wife for Christmas. He offered me UUU 3. As there was at that time much talk about being U and non-U, I thought

triple U would be firm and said thank you. Any time, he said. Since acquiring it, UUU3 has adorned a Mini and a Fiat, an Allegro and three Renault 5s.

Now it is about to be transferred

This exercise costs £80, which

to a newish Peugeot 205.

sum I had sent to the DVLC in Swansea with a completed form. As there appear to be opportunities for substantial villainy when putting one car's numberplate on to another, the Department of Transport insists on examining the donor vehicle hence my appointment in Zoar Street between 10 and 11 am on Tuesday. It was 10.45 by the time



CLEMENT FREUD

I found the place, parked behind PAU 1, went up some stairs and stood at a counter. "Are you UUU3?" asked a woman, the way waiters ask "Are

you the prawn cocktail?" I filled in another form. The first line was "Address", such as the Reverend, Dr. Mr., Mrs, Ms or Miss. I wondered idly who has GOD! and whether it is more valuable than 1GOD. When we had completed the form, she said "Reg will come down and check your car, he won't be long." He

was not long. We went into the street and he asked me to open the bounet. On my own car, there's a bonnet lock to the right of and below the steering-wheel. Not on a Renault 5 there is not. I tried to find the opening device inside the car. Reg had a go from the outside. We

toiled for some time before I found the catch near where a front passenger would put his left ankle; it clicked. Reg tried to open the cover from the front; it opens the other way, so that you can see the engine from the driver's seat. He scratched away some dirt and examined a metal plate welded to the cylinder block, bearing a

longish number. "We don't like numbers on plates welded to cylinder blocks," said Reg. "We prefer them punched into the block itself." There was not a lot one could say to that. He looked at me for signs of peculation. I was wearing my best blue suit, white shirt, Lord's

Taverners tie and was about to tell him that Cecil Parkinson had sent me a birthday present when he said, "Okay then." We closed the bonnet.

They need a few more documents such as a road-tax fund disc and certificate of insurance for the newish Peugeot before it can become UUU3 and the Renault is awarded some spare number-plate whereby everyone will know its age.

Reg said they needed to keep the tax disc for the Renault, but if I was stopped for driving without one, I should refer the police to the Cherished Number-Plate people at the Department of Transport's Vehicle Licensing Of-

fice, I Zoar Street, SE1.
"With a Z," I said. "Just behind." Southwark Bridge, sort of off Summer Street." He nodded. I :

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GODFATHERS IN BONN

Never in 17 years as leader of the West German Christian Democrats has Herr Helmut Kohl basked in such adulation as he received on Tuesday from 150,000 East German compatriots in the city of Erfurt. Less than a month remains till East Germany's first, and almost certainly last, free election as an independent state. Chancellor Kohl's appearance at the hustings will have bucked his supporters, who know that he is their greatest

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No less turnultuous was the reception given to the 76-year-old Herr Willy Brandt in Gotha. The former Mayor of West Berlin, Chancellor and architect of Ostpolitik has enjoyed a remarkable renaissance in the past few months, as an uncertain nation turns to this grand old survivor of the last great German crisis three decades ago. If, after nearly a decade in opposition, the Social Democrats return to power this year - first in East Germany, then next December in West Germany too - they will have Herr Brandt to thank. He and Herr Kohl are giving the East German election an almost presidential character.

Indeed, the voters appear to want West German politicians with no less eagerness than they covet West German living standards. Electoral defeat, if not extinction, faces the two parties which have dominated East German politics since Herr Erich Honecker's fall: the purged and renamed communists, or Party of Democratic Socialism, and New Forum. Both lack powerful godfathers in Bonn. Both were among the last to throw their weight behind German unification — a word increasingly heard on all sides in preference to reunification, held by some to imply a return to the German borders of 1937.

It is a specious distinction. It glosses over the fact that both communists and Social Democrats, though once firm advocates of the neutral reunited Germany for which they campaigned 40 years ago, had until last November vehemently dismissed any active desire to abolish East German independence as "revanchism" or, in Herr Brandt's words of only a year ago, as "living a lie". The communists are condemned by their own crimes, for which nobody has yet been called to account before a court of law; but the SPD's inconsistent record ought to have been a formidable weapon in the hands of East German conservatives.

That this has not happened is due not only to their own errors, but to more serious ones made in Bonn, it has taken the non-socialists in East Germany too long to agree on a common platform, but it took the West German Christian Democrats too long to decide which horses to back. They have even now failed to use their political muscle to ensure that the German Social Union and Democratic Awakening, which are campaigning alongside the former communist stooges of the East German Christian Democrats as the Alliance for Germany, will be permitted to have their names printed together on the ballot paper: an important consideration under the system of multi-choice proportional representation which East Berlin is borrowing from

By bringing the polling day forward last month from May to March, Herr Hans Modrow -- in perhaps his final significant act -made it more likely that an electorate as yet unschooled in the niceties of democratic politics would allow itself to be guided into the familiar harbour of the Social Democrats. When he told Herr Modrow in Bonn recently that even vaster subsidies for the East German economy would have to wait until after the election, Chancellor Kohl was not, as one mischievous commentator suggested, giving the East German Prime Minister the same humiliating treatment which the Austrian Chancellor Schuschnigg received from Hitler on the eve of the Anschluss. Herr Kohl is fighting an election campaign, and he is not obliged to dispense largess to his opponents.

CHANCELLOR IN PURDAH

With the Budget now less than four weeks away the Chancellor, Mr John Major, has most of the economic information which will be available to him. The picture is moderately encouraging, but it does nothing to detract from the need for a cautious Budget.

Growth has turned out to be closer to the Treasury's forecast than some other aspects of the economy. First estimates released yesterday suggest a figure of 2.4 per cent for 1989 as a whole compared with a forecast in the Budget red book of 2½ per cent.

But the environment in which this growth has been achieved has been much more inflationary than expected. Inflation in the final quarter of last year averaged 7.6 per cent compared with a forecast of 5.5 per cent, despite two further increases in interest rates last year. Even setting aside the effect on the published retail price index of the latest increases in mortgage rates, the underlying rate

of inflation remains uncomfortably buoyant. Recent trends in bank credit and the money supply have been rather better. After the big surge in bank lending in December, advances in January duly fell back, suggesting an underlying downward trend. Borrowing by consumers has been particularly weak, indicating that the high interest rate strategy put in place by the former Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, is at length working. Growth in the narrow measure of the money supply has also fallen, though it remains above the Govern-

ment's target. Latest news on the fiscal side shows the Budget surplus shrinking rapidly. To some extent this reflects one-off factors applicable only to the current year such as a shortfall on privatization proceeds, factors whose absence next year will tend to boost the surplus again. But it also reflects lower growth in the

economy and reduced buoyancy in revenue. Faced with these varying signals Mr Major should play for safety. He has already made it

clear that interest rates are going to stay high for some time. A firm monetary policy needs to be buttressed by a firm fiscal policy, which in present circumstances probably means no net tax cuts. Given the uncertainties of forecasting the Budget surplus, the precise size of the public sector debt repayment next year is probably less important than the size and direction of the discretionary tax changes which the Chancellor makes.

A firm fiscal policy should not be seen simply as a way of bringing down interest rates from their present unpopular levels as quickly as possible. If markets were to receive that message the pound would quickly fall and a key part of the anti-inflationary discipline would be removed. Companies need to know that they will not be relieved of cost pressures by a further fall in sterling.

Mr Major has so far been either wise or lucky in his exchange rate policy. He elected to treat the fall in sterling after Mr Lawson's resignation as market turbulence and refused to put up interest rates again. Yesterday, for the first time since his appointment as Chancellor, the pound closed above the level it was at when he arrived. But he cannot rely on sterling's recovery continuing. The next move in interest rates in both Japan and Germany is expected to be upwards, which will erode the present differential in Britain's favour. Markets need to believe that interest rates will stay high for some time to help establish Mr Major's credentials as an inflation fighter.

Apart from the economic arguments, the political cycle also points in favour of a tight Budget. The risks are assymetical. If he is too lax, then he may have to tighten further in an election year. If he over-tightens, then he has the option of loosening a little at a politically convenient moment. Either way, the package to be announced on March 20 will be an important influence on the result of the next

ROLLING ENGLISH ROADS?

For the Government to drive a road through a cherished beauty spot as part of a programme supposed to show care for our environment is at the least unfortunate. For it to do so several times sounds like bureaucratic carelessness. To that extent this week's Ministry of Transport report on trunk roads has exposed itself to justifiable criticism.

In general the roads programme should be welcomed. The number of vehicles in Britain has risen by five million in the last decade to 23 million. A further rise of 142 per cent is expected by the year 2025. The prospect is a daunting one, and its impact on the environment could be profound.

Not only does it suggest more noise and ugliness but it also has serious global implications. In Britain, a fifth of all carbon dioxide emitted comes from cars. This is a problem which raises questions for the Government. The main one is how far it should regard the accelerating rise in road traffic as inevitable. Would it not be far more sensible in the long term for it to concentrate on improving public transport, thus curbing the growth in private vehicles?

Statistics seem to indicate that this argument is fallacious. A 50 per cent increase in traffic on the railways might remove only 5 per cent of it from the roads. Moreover some 65 per cent of all truck journeys are of less than 50 miles, which makes rail transport for them impractical. These well-worn figures should not be an argument for inaction, however. More investment in public transport is badly needed as part of a co-ordinated transport strategy. It is not a case of "either or". We need to spend

money on roads as well as rail. There is also a limit to how far motorists can be discouraged. The case for trying to do so in town centres is a strong one. London's traffic congestion in particular cannot simply be solved by building better roads. Some way must be found of controlling the private car.

However much one may wish it otherwise, a steady growth in traffic on our motorways and trunk roads now looks inevitable and must, in consequence, be planned for. The tendency of previous Whitehall forecasts to understimate the rate of increase has only aggravated the present problem. With 1992 just around the corner and the prospect of sharper competition, the country would ignore it at its peril.

With this in mind there is much in the Government programme to be welcomed. It does not address the air pollution question, but that will require international action. The report does at least offer some investment in landscaping. Moreover much of the emphasis is on the widening of present highways rather than on the creation of new ones. There is an attractive logic behind this policy. It is considerably less expensive and it is obviously

Those road widening schemes first outlined in the 1989 White Paper Roads to Prosperity should be completed in much less time than the 15 years taken to construct a major motorway. Still more persuasively, they should do less damage to the environment, confining the despoliation of the countryside to those areas which have already been badly scarred.

To sanction new roads across such parts of rural England as Twyford Down, however, or within sight of the white cliffs of Dover, is to invite deserved criticism. If we have to live increasingly with the motor car or, still worse, the juggernaut, we must use every means of containing the discomfort.

Roads are welcomed by those who use them when they use them. For those who seek easy access to the countryside their image may be tinged with green. When they destroy that countryside, however, the Government should stop and think again. Alternatives to such schemes may cost more, but in the long term the price is well worth paying.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Mrs Rosalind Wright

Sir, Whilst you are perfectly

entitled to draw attention (leading

article, February 20) to the alleged deficiencies and shortcomings of

the Crown Prosecution Service,

what are needed are some con-

structive suggestions to support the effort the present director, Allan Green, QC, is putting in to improve its efficiency and effec-

The creation of the CPS had the

immediate effect of turning a

small, specialist, elite prosecuting

unit, the department of the Director of Public Prosecutions,

employing some 60 lawyers and 150 non-legal support staff, into the headquarters of an enormous

Civil Service machine with, like

Marks and Spencer, "branches

Again, like Marks and Spencer,

managers have had to be put in to

run the branches, the regional headquarters, and head office.

Unlike Marks and Spencer, how-

ever, the managers who were

employed were not specially re-cruited, trained, and experienced

for the managerial duties assigned

to them; they are senior lawyers,

experienced prosecutors, who were diverted from their resp-

onsibilities as lawyers and given

such tasks as recruiting staff,

ordering office furniture, putting

in information-technology sys-tems, managing budgets, and fill-

ing in dreaded returns to head

office as "performance indicators".

to accomplish - put the senior

lawyers back in the role for which

they were trained and for which they applied to join the CPS in the

first place. Fill the administrative

jobs with experienced, non-legally

trained administrators with which

The lawyers will regain the job

satisfaction they have sadly lost; promotion prospects for lawyers

will not mean loss of "hands-on"

involvement in the casework and,

most important, the work of the junior prosecutors will be actively supervised and supported.

the Civil Service abounds.

Yours faithfully

ROSALIND WRIGHT,

Inner London Area

leagues like ber.

17 Rowdon Avenue, NW10.

From the Chief Crown Prosecutor,

Sir, Your account (report, Feb-

ruary 19) of the confusion, missing files, and missing witnesses at

Camberwell Green Magistrates'

Court does less than justice to

Miss Saw and numerous col-

to pick up the threads of cases adjourned from other hearings

"because of missing files or miss-ing witnesses". Miss Saw was

appearing in Court 1, which deals

It is alleged that Miss Saw had

The remedy is obvious and easy

everywhere".

Crown Prosecution Service troubles

Cemeteries sale issue still unclear

From Professor Malcolm Grant Sir, You report (February 20) that Westminster still owns the three cemeteries that it thought it had sold, and that the Audit Commission has confirmed that this follows clearly from the judgement (sic) of the district auditor that the sale was "contrary to law". That conclusion may be a little premature.

Even if a disposal by a local authority is unlawful, purchasers enjoy statutory protection under the Local Government Act 1972 section 128. There is no obligation on a purchaser to investigate whether the authority has complied with the statutory requirements relating to disposal, or whether consent has been obtained to disposal at less than the best consideration that could reasonably be obtained. It has yet to be established whether that protection applies in this case.

Further, the cemeteries have since changed hands. The present owners have guaranteed title under the Land Registration Act 1925. They will continue to be the registered proprietors unless and until an application is successfully made to have the register rectified against them. Again, there is statutory protection for proprietors in possession, and the making of such an order is by no means automatic.

Neither of these issues is within the jurisdiction of the district auditor or the Audit Commission. Yours faithfully, MALCOLM GRANT,

University College London, Faculty of Laws. Bentham House. 4-8 Endsleigh Gardens, WC1. February 20.

Scouts and Guides

From Mr Marcus Locke Sir, Dr Paterson-Brown (February 17) states that the Girl Guides

Association will remain a singlesex organisation. I would like to point out that there are some men who help out at Brownie and Guide meetings and hold unit helper cards issued by the Girl Guides Association. This would seem to indicate they are members of the association.

I became "pack leader" (and was awarded the Girl Guides Association's pack leader's stripes) to our local Brownie pack because at the time the Guide district could not offer the Brownie guider a Guide to help. Doing this I passed my service section of one of my Scout awards.

I am now chairman of a mixed Venture Scout unit and still help out at the Brownie meetings, although I am no longer pack leader. My sister, who is a Guide, has taken over the role. Together with my father, a unit helper, we provide protection for the Brown-

ies against unwanted intruders. I hesitate to suggest this, but can the Guide movement exist without the Scouts?

Vous in Scouting MARCUS LOCKE, 75 Londesborough Road, Southsea, Portsmouth, Hampshire.

February 17.

Cinéma du Paradis

From Mr Richard Chatten Sir, Jacek Klinowski (February 19) is correct in identifying the actor who played the dwarf in La Kermesse Heroique (1935) as Delphin, but mistaken in tentatively attributing to him a further appearance in Les Visiteurs du Šoir (1942).

Sadly, he was by then already dead, having committed suicide in 1938 by gassing himself in his-Paris apartment. His only other film appearance had been as the headmaster in Jean Vigo's Zero de Yours sincerely, RICHARD CHATTEN,

87 Hargrave Park, Archway, N19. February 19.

Spotted frogs From Captain M. G.

Rutherford, RN Sir, I heard on the radio this morning that there is worldwide concern about the decrease in the frog population. I am happy to report that my two-square metre pond here is positively over-

populated. I counted 36 surfaced frogs yesterday, although as a submariner I am certain that an equal number had "gone deep". These, of course, were undetectable. Yours faithfully, MALCOLM RUTHERFORD,

The Captain's House. HMS Collingwood, Fareham, Hampshire. February 19.

Charity grants

From the Chairman of the London Boroughs Association

Sir, Although the London Boroughs Association recognises that the charity grants scheme (report, later editions, February 12) provides a worthwhile service and must continue, it objects to the way in which it is funded.

Under the present system, London's 33 local authorities pay a total of some £30 million a year into the scheme, which redistributes it to worthwhile organisations within the capital. But what each authority pays is based solely on its population, with no regard at all for the benefits enjoyed by its ratepayers.

day's Community has simply no need to be managed by a Paris-Bonn axis. It is a Community of 12 states all of which have an equal right to guide its destiny; it is not a Franco-German condomin-Your readers will also alarmed at the thought of the French and Germans drawing up a new European constitution by themselves. Your authors' ref-

refuse"?

Yours faithfully

Political Science, Houghton Street, WC2.

To covet East Germany for Nato smacks too much of former discredited camp coalitions and pacts, political solutions which created, three times since 1870, the climate for German aggression and war. To suggest that a great European power should be neu-tral, especially when the eastern and western parts already adhere to two different consignments, is

This has led to Havering, for instance, paying more than £1 million into the scheme this year, with only £38,000 coming back in grants to groups based in the borough. Similarly, Hillingdon's ratepayers contributed almost £1 million, but are "receiving back" only £72,000.

Letters to the Editor should carry

with guilty pleas and remands and not with trials. If a trial had had to be adjourned because of missing witnesses it would not then have been listed in Court 1.

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Equally, cases are rarely, if ever, adjourned because a file, having been submitted to the CPS, is missing". They are, however, often adjourned for the police to submit to the CPS further evidence or a full file for committal to

the Crown Court. If the police do not supply the additional evidence or the committal file by the time of the next hearing, an application may, regrettably, have to be made for a further adjournment.

The report concludes with the sorry tale of the collapse, due to the police being unable to provide a statement from the loser, of the case against two men accused of stealing a credit card. This, it was said, was a "clear error by the CPS". The judgment on the CPS was that they "failed to realise that a statement from the credit card company would have sufficed".

In fact, the file reveals that the CPS asked the police to provide evidence either from the loser or from the credit card company, and that the police agreed to do this. However, at the time of the collapse of the case the CPS had been provided with neither.

It is right that the CPS, a publicly-accountable body, should be held up to public scrutiny. It is equally important, however, that criticism should be fair and balanced.

Yours faithfully B. T. McARDLE, Chief Crown Prosecutor, Inner London Area, Portland House, Stage Place, SW1. February 20.

From the Chief Crown Prosecutor, Essex Area Sir, Concern has been expressed about the current cost of the CPS. Perhaps this could be placed in

It is acknowledged that Essex has the highest proportion of serious crime in its case load, yet, nevertheless, the average unit cost for disposal of a case in the magistrates' court is £46; for a case dealt with upon indictment before a jury in the crown court the figure is £460.

Taking into account that this expenditure also covers the amount paid to witnesses and counsel, the public may feel this is not unreasonable.
Yours faithfully,

Gaulle's prophetic words, "from

the Channel to the Urals" - not be

When, in the ripeness of time,

this enlarged European Community will happen (and with the

fluidity of present events it is not

too sanguine to anticipate that necessary combination of good

will and common sense from all

quarters which could hasten the

development), a federated Germany, along with all the other

semi-autonomous regions, would

embrace the collective obligations

To defend and keep the peace.

federative process to areas whose

problems can only be solved along these lines.

3. To plan to live within our

resources and not beyond them, conserving and renewing air, wat-

er, earth, energy, food, and life with dignity, vigilance, and har-

Sir, Your article by Helmut Schmidt and Valery Giscard d'Es-

taing (February 14) will surely strike British readers as both

anachronistic and offensive. To-

erences to both Great Britain and

the principle of subsidiarity are naturally welcome, but might not your readers suspect that at the

end of the day we will simply be "made an offer which we cannot

ALAN SKED (Member, Academic Council, Bruges Group), London School of Economics and

standard spending assessments

(SSA). The SSA system means that

the poorer, inner-city boroughs

receive more Government cash

than the authorities with fewer

social problems, and is a fairly

London Boroughs Association,

23 Buckingham Gate, SW1.

reliable indicator.

Yours sincerely,

P. S. BOWNESS

(Chairman)

To provide an example of the

of the Community, i.e. -

mony. Yours faithfully, YEHUDI MENUHIN,

Regents Park Road, NW1.

4 & 5 Primrose Mews

From Dr Alan Sked

February 19.

JOHN GOODWIN, Chief Crown Prosecutor, Essex Area, 88 New London Road, Chelmsford, Essex.

Future of Europe

From Mr Brendan Donnelly Sir, Mr Tebbit (article, February 20) is certainly right to compare the imminent unification of Germany with the continuing unification of the European Community. But I am puzzled by his use of the emotive word "annexation" to

describe both processes. In each case, in the European Community as in Germany, unification will come about, is coming about, exclusively through freely-negotiated agreements entered into by democratic govern-

Mr Tebbit may disapprove of these agreements, but to describe them as annexations has no more justification than to describe Mr Tebbit himself as the tyrant of

Chingford. Yours sincerely BRENDAN DONNELLY (Secretary, Positive

Europe Group), 61 Leopold Road, N2. February 20.

From Sir Yehudi Menuhin, OM Sir, I pray that in the present deliberations on a united Germany's loyalties and allegiances we will not find ourselves debating two equally unrealistic alternatives - viz, Nato versus neutrality - while, in fact, an independent, strong Germany is deciding for herself.

Germany belongs to a European Community and the united Germanies together should belong to a united joint East and West-European Community - an alliance yet to be achieved.

Might, therefore, a suspension of a united Germany's military commitments, until such moment when political pressures will have achieved a united Europe - in de

> My association has presented the Government with details of an alternative funding system, with detailed costings, which allows for exactly the same amount of cash to be raised from the 33 London authorities. Under the LBA scheme boroughs will pay according to the need within their areas, as measured by the Government's

While it is true that many of the organisations funded by the scheme serve several boroughs, and a few are genuinely Londonwide, the current system is grossly unfair to the outer-London boroughs and is in orgent need of

a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax anumber -(01)782 5046.

Sir, The letter (February 17) from Martin Heubeck brought attention to the plight of scabirds on Shetland. The strong implication that over-fishing of sand eels has caused the breeding failure of the scabird colonies is one that has

been made before; however, it is difficult to prove. The fluctuations in sand cel stocks may be entirely natural, or a decline in stocks may be due to increased numbers of herring, as their population recovers from the over-fishing of the late seventies and early eighties. Of course, added fishing pressure cannot help

this situation.

Scrutiny of sand

eels in Shetland

From Dr M. S. C. Havard

To investigate what is really happening with sand eel stocks a joint research project has been set up involving Government agencies and non-governmental con-servation organisations. With finance or practical aid from the Department of the Environment, the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for Scotland, the Scottish Development Departscottish Development Department, the Nature Conservancy Council, the World Wide Fund for Nature-UK, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, and Cadbury's plc, this joint venture is a multi-disciplinary, three-year programme to evaluate sea-bird/sand eel interaction.

We hope that before too long more information about the system will allow regulation of the stocks to the advantage of both the birds and the fishing industry. Yours faithfully, MADELEINE HAVARD (Marine conservation officer), World Wide Fund for

Nature - United Kingdom. Panda House, Weyside Park, Catteshall Lane. Godalming, Surrey. February 19.

Thatcher and PLO

From the Secretary General of the Board of Deputies of British Jews Sir, Your Political Editor's report (February 19) of the Board of Deputies meeting addressed by the Prime Minister on Sunday quotes Mrs Thatcher as having urged Jerusalem to negotiate with the Palestine Liberation Organisation". In fact she did not anywhere in her speech refer to the PLO.

What she did say was "that Israel needs to talk to representatives of the Palestinian people from inside the occupied territories and from outside". This is open to various interpretations, but it would obviously be wrong to assume that it refers to the PLO and the PLO alone.

Your report might have added that Mrs Thatcher also said that proposal for elections in the occupied territories" which would certainly appear to commend the effort of the Israel Government in their quest for a peaceful solution, arrived at by negotiation between Israel and democratically-elected representatives of the Palestinian people.
Yours faithfully,

HAYIM PINNÉR. Secretary General, The Board of Deputies of British Jews, Woburn House. Tavistock Square, WCI. February 20.

Cable franchises

From the Director General of the Cable Authority
Sir, I hope that Viscount Torrington's letter (February 16) about control of cable networks will

evoke some response in the City. This authority has devoted much effort to encouraging the financial community here to consider investment in cable. We can pretend to very little success. It is seen as an investment which is too long term and whose prospects are too uncertain. Neither I nor anyone else can guarantee an investor a return on his capital.

But plenty of others are prepared to step in where the City fears to tread. The authority has received 120 applications for cable franchises in the last six months. In the same period 10 new broadband cable systems have started construction in different parts of the United Kingdom. Every single one of them has done so with North American finance.

This comparison of attitudes to investment seems to be not only to the disadvantage of the United Kingdom but to our discredit. Yours faithfully,

JOHN DAVEY Director General Cable Authority, Gillingham House 38-44 Gillingham Street, SW1. February 19.

Doubtful indemnity From Mr Raymond Durrant

Sir, I have received an entirely unsolicited invitation from the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham to apply for community charge "poll tax" benefit on behalf of myself and my partner. A partner is defined as "a husband or wife or someone you live with as if you were married to them"!

My enthusiasm to take the matter further was greatly diminished after I had studied the application form which required me to answer nearly 200 questions spread over nine pages of a 12page document. Yours faithfully, RAYMOND DURRANT, 11 Lena Gardens, W6.

February 19.

OBITUARIES

of the control of the

FRITZ FELLER

Designing Rolls-Royce cars with looks to last

Indeed his early work was on line and natural enthusiasm

Rolls-Royce aircraft engines for his new job soon per-

such as the much acclaimed suaded them to confirm the

However, in 1952 he moved from Derby to the company's ment, based at the Crewe

car operation at Crewe. Here factory. He remained in the

he attracted attention with his position until his retirement.

BASIL BOOTHBY

An independent and under-appreciated diplomat

The graceful lines of the Rolls-Royce Silver Spirit: launched in 1980, it aimed to combine

Fritz Feller, the Austrian of British industry. But his sisted that the switch should

design of engines, not cars.

pioneering work on the design

of a two-stage, Wankel rotary

diesel engine and was awarded

the Thomas Hawksley Gold

Medal in 1970 for a lecture

paper on the project. He also designed the 6750cc V8 petrol

engine which powers the

His career took an unusual

turn in April 1969, when he

switched from engines to car

styling - a move almost

unheard of in the motor

industry. Indeed it was so

cultural centre he was used."

Athens, where he met his wife,

present range of cars.

Avon gas turbine.

essive engineering and style with the company's traditional character and identity.

"Once we regard dreams as a waste of time magic also dies," said its designer.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 21: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Pal-

ace this morning.

The Right Hon Margaret
Thatcher, MP (Prime Minister
and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her Majesty

The Duke of Edinburgh, Member of the Gordonstoun Association, this evening atat the Caledonian Club,

Brigadier Clive Robertson

KENSINGTON PALACE February 21: The Princess of Wales, President, Royal Marsden Hospital, attended the Haunch of the Royal Marsden Hospital Appeal at the Royal Marsden Hospital, Fulham Road, SW3.

Viscountess Campden was in

The Princess of Wales, Patron, Turning Point, held a reception for the Silver Jubilee of the Charity in the Kensington Palace State Apartments.

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE February 21: The Duke of Kent, Patron of the British Menswear Guild, this afternoon visited the International Mens and Boyswear Exhibition at Olym-pia, London W14 and later launched the new BBC Monitoring Service to mark its 50th Anniversary at the BBC World

Service, Caversham Park, Read-ing Berkshire. Mr Andrew Palmer was in

2000 TU

schoolboy who came to Britain as a refugee in 1939

and stayed to style the present range of Rolls-Royce and

Bentley cars, died on February

17, aged 64, after a long illness.

Silver Spirit, was launched in 1980 he said: "I shall have

succeeded if late on a winter's

evening, in a dimly lit street,

someone looks out of a win-

dow and catches a glimpse of a

dark, travel-stained Silver

Spirit and says 'a Rolls-Royce

Fritz Feller was born in

Vienna on December 24,

1925. His long association

with Rolls-Royce began in 1941 when he joined the company at its Derby head-

quarters as an engineering

apprentice — one of the most

respected and sought after

apprenticeships in the whole

Evelyn Basil Boothby, CMG,

who has died in London aged

79, was a diplomat more

a good impression of Britain

than in giving his superiors a

good impression of himself.

Had it been the other way

round, he would almost cer-

tainly have risen higher than

Born on September 9, 1910,

he was educated at Winchester

bridge, where he read history,

before joining the Consular.

Service in China.

has just gone by."

When his first creation, the

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
February 21: Princess Alexandra this afternoon opened the
Antony Brett Building, the new
catering complex at St Bartholomew's Hospital, West
Smithfield, London ECI.

The Duchess of Kent celebrates her birthday today.

Memorial service

The Lord Mayor and Lady

Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended a service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Charles Trinder held yesterday at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall. The Rev Basil Watson,

Honorary Chaplain of the Ship-wrights' Company, officiated, assisted by the Rev David Burgess who pronounced the Mr Michael Everard, Prime

Warden of the Shipwrights' Company, read the lesson and Mr Peter Rigby, Master of the Fletchers' Company, read from Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan. Commander Sir Robin Gillett paid tribute. Among



Dinners

Institute of Petroleum Mr John Wakeham, Secretary of State for Energy, and Sir John Hedley Greenborough were the guests of honour and speakers at the annual dinner of the Institute of Petroleum held last night at Grosvenor House. Sir Archibald Forster, president,

Mr John F. Yaxley, Hong Kong Commissioner in London, accompanied by Mrs Yaxley, was the guest of honour at a dinner of the 1912 Club held yesterday at the Carlton Club by invitation of Mr Christopher J. Grenside, Honorary Treasurer of the 1912 Club. Mr Roger E. Sims, MP, Chairman of the 1912 Club presided and Mr Brian J.W. Hawkins also spoke.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Kensington and Chelsea gave a dinner last night at the Town Hall. Among those present were: The Dunish Ambassador and Mrs.
The Onnish Ambassador and Mrs.
This or Manda Thomassador and Mrs.
Thomass-Petersen, Lord Justice and
Lady Russell. Sir Maino Crofton, Sir
Walter and Lady Bodmer. Mr and Mrs.
Richard Fylis-Walder. Brigadier and
Mrs Russh Dray. Mr Roger Henderson,
QC, and Mrs Henderson, Miss Mary
Dr Lador. Control Christopher Colven,
Dr Lador. Control Christopher Colven,
Dr Lador. Control Mrs Desimond Harney
and Councillor Mrs Prank Taylor.

night at the Hyatt Carlton Tower Hotel by the Marketing Group of Great Britain. The guest speaker was the Rt Hon Lord Jenkins of Hillhead.

The annual dinner of the Body of Yeoman Warders was held last night at HM Tower of London. The principal guests

Weite:
Field Marshal Str Roland Gibbs,
General Str Martin Farndale, Lieutenant-Conceral Str Devick Bootman, Surgeon Vice-Admiral Str Codiney
Million-Thoopuson, Air Marshal Str
Kenneth Haryr, Lieutenuari-General Str
Edward Josses, Mator-General Str
Edward Josses, Mator-Generals C
Tyler, PS Brinay, R J Ross, R F J, Cook
and P P D Stone, the Deputy
Commissioner of the Metropolitan
Police, Colonel J R Cartwright,
Lieutenani-Colonel R B Metron, Mr
David Beeton and Group Captain J
Constable.

Viscount Ridley, President of the Council of Territorial, Auxiliary and Volunteer Reserve Associations, was host and sided at a farewell dinner held last night at the House of Lords in honour of Lieutenant-General Sir Peter Hudson, who also spoke, Colonel M.S. Lee-Browne, Colonel R.M. Stewart. Colonel R.A. Mactaggart, Colonel R.R. Craik, Colonel G.J.L. Coltart and Captain R.C.

Service dinners

Yeoman Warders

Barnes. General Sir Roland Guy and Air Chief Marshal Sir John Mr David Wynne-Morgan presided over the dinner held last

Barraclough were also present.

and Corpus Christi, Cam-

From 1933 to 1945 he served there in various posts, apart from relatively brief doubt why. Though he spoke a protracted fishery dispute. Second World War interludes mandarin Chinese, he was far in the United States and India. from being a mandarin in the It was an exciting, eventful strict sense, having rather of the future Communist slightly anarchic, spirit. revolution. He also entertained W. H. Auden and his return from Burma, he sentative to the Council of

he did.

found congenial.

was in his house that Auden the treaty for withdrawing wrote the 13th of the Sonnets British troops from the Suez successful in giving foreigners from China, "Far from a Canal Zone, seeing Churchill frequently but failing to over-For a short time after the come his hostility to the war he was Consul-General in In 1956, when Counsellor at

Christopher Isherwood, and it worked for some months on Europe at Strasbourg.

his flair for the eye-catching

appointment, in control of the

His first styling task was to

co-operate with Pininfarina.

the Italian styling house, in the

design of the Rolls-Royce

Camargue. When introduced

in 1975, the car featured many

of his ideas. From the outset,

Feller's acknowledged aims as

a stylist were to design cars

with distinction, yet not af-

fected by temporary fashions

necessary.

which volume producers find

And when his own concept,

the Silver Spirit, appeared in 1980 he said: "Nothing in this

Susan Asquith, a grandthe Brussels Embassy, daughter of the Liberal Prime Boothby was driven almost to resignation by the Anglo-In 1946 he transferred to the French invasion of Egypt. Foreign Service, and in the From 1962 to 1965 he was

early 1950s was Chargé d'Af- Ambassador to Iceland. faires in Burma, a post that he another post that he enjoyed, partly because it did not progress did not match his routine socializing. He his ideals. talents, and there is little showed advoitness in handling

Despite his oriental experience, his deepest attachment was to Europe. French and time to be in China, and he leftish sympathies and an German were his best lanmet, among others, the leaders independent, even at times guages, and it was appropriate that his last posting was as At the Foreign Office, after Britain's Permanent Repre-

Mr A.E. Lloyd and Miss P.K. Grisé

Mr J.W.P. Mayne and Miss A.M. Irving

Connecticut

Mr I. Pithers

Huggins.

Mr M.M. Ritchie

The engagement is announced between Alexander Edward, son

of Mr and Mrs Roger Hall

Lloyd, of Argyll Road, Kensing-ton, and Patricia Karen, daugh-ter of Mr John Grise and Mrs

Theresa Grisé, of Fairfield,

The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs A.P. Mayne, of

Alison, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs R.E.M. Irving, of Murrayfield, Edinburgh.

and Miss S. Huggins
The engagement is announced between lain, only son of Mr and Mrs F. Pithers, of Marden, Kent, and Shellie Lynne, only

daughter of Mrs T. Philpott, of

Sandwich, Kent, and Mr R.

The engagement is announced between Miles, elder son of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Ritchie, of

Langley Lodge, Chippenham, Wiltshire, and Suzy, daughter of

Mr and Mrs Robin Lewin, of

Beverston Cottage, Tetbury, Gloucestershire.

While there, he sat the very difficult French Agrégation exam, passing with credit. (Two other members of his staff sat it at the same time, so he ran the risk of failing while

Once we throw away the

living. Once we regard dreams

identity of the company.

early retirement in 1984.

and a son and a daughter.

1980 continues into the 1990s,

a tribute to lasting quality

rather than a quickly passing

Illness forced him to take

He leaves his widow, Renée,

traditions "

fashion.

He was always improving his own mind, and helped others to improve theirs. After his retirement Boothby taught for a time at Morley College, but for longer as a WEA lecturer in the London area. This work gave him great Thereafter Boothby's involve too much formality or satisfaction and accorded with

they passed).

Though he could be impatient and somewhat abrasive, Basil Boothby was essentially kind and humane, as well as cultivated. He hore with stoicism the afflictions of his last years, including virtual blindness.

He is survived by his wife, one daughter and two sons.

and Miss C.L. Angwin

Braunton, Devon.

Hill, London.

Mr G.S. Webster

Mr G.A. Wheatcroft

and Miss S.A.N. Muir

and Miss C.A. Reynolds

The engagement is announced between Geoffrey, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Tony Webster, of

Cromer, Norfolk, and Charlotte,

youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Simon Reynolds, of Crakehall, North Yorkshire.

The engagement is announced between Geoffrey, elder son of Mr S.F. Wheatcroft, of Park Walk, Chelsea, London, and the

late Mrs Wheatcroft, and Sally, daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank

Muir, of Anners, Thorpe, Egham, Surrey.

Mr M.J. Wainwright and Miss E.A. Williams

The engagement is announced between Brian, second son of

Mr and Mrs Eric Thomson, of

Kilmacolm, Renfrewshire, and

Carolyn, third daughter of Mr and Mrs John Angwin, of

LAURA DUCHESS of **MARLBOROUGH**

Colourful and spirited figure in society

borough, the widow of the 10th Duke, and formerly the wife of the second Viscount Long, and later of the third Earl of Dudley, died peacefully in her sleep on February 19 at her London flat in Portman Towers, Maryle-bone. She was 74 and had been in ill health for several

A society rebel from her early youth, she was a woman of fierce independence of thought and spirit. Controver-sial even in her twenties, her unconventional behaviour frequently shocked people, but no amount of criticism or censure deflected her from her highly individual course in

The granddaughter of the 11th Earl of Wemyss and great-niece of the formidable Margot Asquith, Frances Laura Charteris was born at life is so dull and miserable as interest in those days was the be on a temporary basis. But the 'average' or 'the mean.' concept of excellence and perfection we take away the 26 Catherine Street, West-minster, on August 10, 1915, excitement and incentive for as a waste of time magic also the second of the four children dies. That is why we at Rollsof the Hon Guy Charteris and Royce Motor Cars must alhis first wife, Frances ways remain true to our best

"I was born into what is Feller's aim with the new known as the privileged Silver Spirit range was to class," she wrote in later life. produce progressively modern cars that at the same time "I prefer the word 'aristocracy'. It used to mean someembodied the character and thing, and certainly one took one's place in it for granted." The design he introduced in

She was only 10 when her mother died, and thereafter her childhood was divided between her Wemyss and Tennant grandparents. At 17, she was presented to King George V and Queen Mary at Buckingham Palace, made her debut in society, and earned coveted invitations from both Lady Cunard and Lady Colefax.

At the wedding of her elder sister; Ann, to the third Baron O'Neill, she met David, the second Viscount Long. They were married at St Margaret's, Westminster, in 1933, and a daughter, Sara, was born in the following year. But the marriage collapsed almost immediately, and there was a suppressed scandal when Laura left her husband and refused to return. "I was treated rather like a leper", she recalled later. "I had disgraced myself and my family."

whom she had met some years

Her second marriage and also a heavy drinker. She left him several times, and when appealed to by the Duke of Windsor to return, wrote temper and insanity that become more tedious and diffi-

Laura Duchess of Mari- cult for me as the years go by." They were divorced in 1954 and in 1960 she married the man she always considered the love of her life, Michael Canfield, who was believed by the Duke of Windsor to be the natural son of his brother, Prince George, Duke of Kent.

After nine years of supreme happiness together, Canfield died suddenly of a heart attack in 1969. This was followed in 1970 by the death from cancer of her beloved brother, Hugo Charteris, the novelist.

On January 26, 1972, she married the 10th Duke of Marlborough, who was then 74 and had loved her for many years. She remained mistress of Blenheim Palace for only six weeks, however, as the Duke died on March 11.

She complained of "the gloom and inhospitality of Blenbeim" after his death. After moving out, she had a nervous breakdown, attempted suicide and woke up in a mental clinic at Ascot.

All this, and much more



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was told with characteristic frankness, in her autobiography, Laughter from a Cloud (1980). The manuscript so appalled her sister, Ann, formerly Viscountess Rothermere, and later Mrs Ian Fleming, that she begged Lord Weidenfeld to cancel its publication, but he refused. when Ann died in 1981.

The autobiography was reshowed her devoted care dur-

Forthcoming marriages

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend the Mountbatten Music Festival at the Albert Hall at 7.15.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will attend a reception at the Imperial War Museum at 11.30 to mark the third anniversary of the formation of the Friends of the Museum.

The Princess of Wales will visit the London Connection projec for young homeless people at 12 Adelaide Street, WC2, at 10.30.

Prince Michael of Kent, as President of the Institute of the Motor Industry, will chair a meeting of vice-presidents at Fanshaws at 11.00; and, as President of the Battersea Home for Dogs, will launch the appeal for the new kennel block at a reception at the Garden Court, Strand, at 6.00.

du Pré appeal

The appeal to establish a fund in memory of Dr Jacqueline du Pré, the cellist, has so far raised £720,000 towards its target of

The fund is intended to help young musicians who suffer from degenerative and wasting diseases. It will also be used to finance a music building including an 250-seat audithose present were: torium, practice rooms and offices, at St Hilda's College, Oxford, where Dr du Pré was an nonorary fellow.

The next fund-raising event is

a musical soirée to be held in the State Apartments of St James's Palace on March 26. During the recital, which will be attented by the Duchess of Kent, Yo Yo Ma, the cellist, will play a Stradivar-ius once owned by Dr du Pré.

Polytechnic news

Professor Bryan Bridge, head of the department of electrical and electronic engineering, has been made a Fellow of the

Sir Harry Woolf, Baroness Warnock and Ms Sue Campbell have received honorary

Marriages

Mr N-A.R. Lindgren and Miss C.A. Badgett The marriage between Mr Nils-Ake Lindgren and Mrs Carole

Budgett (née Venney) took place at the Swedish Church, in London, on Saturday, February

The marriage took place on Saturday, February 17, 1990, at St Clement Danes, the Central Church of the Royal Air Force, between Fight Lieutenant Stephen William Ball, son of Mr and Mrs Douglas Ball, of Letchworth, Hertfordshire, and Miss Marianne Denise Holmes, daughter of Wing Commander and Mrs Robin L. Holmes, of Padeton Command

Padstow, Cornwall. The reception was held in the Stationers' Hall, Ave Maria Lane, and the honeymoon is being spent in Kenya.

Luncheons

Rotary Club of London Mr Alan Dunlop, President of the Rotary Club of London, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at the Cafe Royal Mr Peter Topping also spoke.

To Sir Charles Irving Dame Janet Fookes, MP, gave a luncheon yesterday at Claridge's in honour of Sir Charles Irving, MP, following his Investiture at Buckingham Palace. Among

Francis Holland School (Graham Terrace)

The biennial Old Girls' Party will be held on the School Birthday, March 1, 1990, from 6-8pm at the school. Any Old Girl who has not received an invitation is asked to get in touch with the school to make Sure the register is accurate. RSVP, Francis Holland School. 39 Graham Terrace, London SW1W 8JF. 01-730 2971.

Lady Caroline Garnell Lady Caroline Garnell gave birth to a son on February 17.

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Mr W.A. Bonnell and Miss C.L. Bury

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> Avon. M Jean-Pierre Dutheil and Catherine, daughter of Colonel and Mrs Tom Hall, of Chiselhampton, Oxford.

Mr N.L. Evans and Miss C.N. Cox

The engagement is announced between Alistair, son of Dr and Mrs Donald Lipp, of Woodall, Sheffield, and Anna, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Harris, of Branscombe, Devon and Mrs William Cox, of Southampton, Hampshire.

Birthdays today Sir Roderick Barclay, diplomat, 81; the Hon James Bethell, racehorse trainer, 38; Mr J.N. Ellis, trades unionist, 51; Mr Bruce Forsyth, entertainer, 62; Miss Sheila Hancock, actress, 57; Mr Howard Hodgson, chief executive, Hodgson Holdings, 40; Miss Patricia Lancaster, former headmistress, Wycombe Abbey School, 61; Mr Niki Lauda, racing driver, 41; Sir John Mills, actor, producer and director, 82; Mr Noel Murphy, rugby player, 53; Mr Sean O'Faolain, writer, 90; Mr Tom Okker, tennis player, 46; Mr William Slack, Serjeant Surgeon to The Queen, 65; Mr lan Stark, showjumper, 36; Dame Joan Bruce Forsyth, entertainer, 62 Variey, former Conservative party agent, 70; Miss Julie Walters, acress, 40; Mr S.C. Whitbread, chairman Whitbread and Company, 53. chairman.

The science report appears in the science and technology section, pages 35-38.

Mr M.L. Kauffman and Miss D.E. Curry

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr

and Mrs T.M. Koessler, of

London, and Catriona elder

daughter of Mr and Mrs J.R.H. Chaimers, of Buxted, East

The engagement is announced between Jonathan Mark Round, only son of Mrs Penelope Lee, of

Bramball, Cheshire, and the late Mr Gerald Round, and Sarah

Rebecca, younger daughter of Dr Kenneth Hugh-Jones and the late Dr Denise Hugh-Jones, of Redbourn, Hertfordshire.

and Miss S.R. Hugh-Jones

Mr J.M.R. Lee

Dr A.C. Lipp and Dr A.K. Harris

and Miss C.L. Bury
The engagement is announced
between Andrew, son of Mrs
W.M.K. Permain, of Eastbourne, Sussex, and Mr W.T.L.
Bonnell, of Cullompton, Devon,
and Claire, twin daughter of Mr
and Mrs S.T. Bury, of
Ashbayana Derbushiva The engagement is announced between Max, son of Mr William Kauffman, of Sydney, Australia, and Diana, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Curry, of Johannesburg, South Africa. Ashbourne, Derbyshire. Mr J.J. Koessler and Miss C.E.J. Chalmers

The engagement is announced between Hamish Joseph, son of the late Mr D.A. Coull and of Mrs M.P. Coull, of Reading, Berks, and Anna, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.S. Douglas, of Alveston, Stratford-Upon-

and Miss C. Hall
The engagement is announced between Jean-Pierre, son of Mme Simone Dutheil, of Paris,

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Jack Evans, of Finchley, London, and Christina, only Stilliam Court of Mr

University news

Oxford Appointments and elections: Appointments and elections:
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Oralis Dr. J.M. Grainger and Dr. P.E.O. Wymer (Microbiology). £150,000 from the Department of Trade and Industry to support the National Countre for School Stolechnology based in the University. Professor W.J. Hardcastle (Linguistic Science). £167.167 from the EEC to Science), £167.167 from the EEC to study articulatory acoustic correla-tions in coefficulatory processes. Dr M. Wood (Soil Science), £192.674 from the EEC to research nitrogen and water use of beans matte mixtures on a marginal rainfall area in Kenya. Dr N.G.M. Hague (Agriculture), £111.991 from the ODNRI for field applications studies in the control of rook-knot nematodes. Dr J.R. Miliford (Meteorology). £190,106 from the ODA for incor-porating satellite data in operational hydrological models in Africa.

Honorary degrees Doctor of Laws
The Earl of Airlie, Lord
Chamberlain; Dr Peter Bryan
Garland, Chief Executive, Institute of Cancer Research. London: The Rev William Boyd Robertson MacMillan, Minister of Dundee Parish Church (St Mary's): Professor Sir Alan Peacock, Chairman of the Scottish Arts Council; Lord Scarman, Lord of Appeal in Ordinary 1977-86; Mrs Elizabeth Ward, President and Founder the British Kidney Pa Association. Heriot-Watt Professor John R. Small, professor of accountancy and finance,

has been appointed to the new post of Deputy Principal. The Rev Graham R. Houston, parish minister of Letham St

Mark's Church of Scotland,

Perth, has been appointed

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: George Washington, 1st president of the USA 1789-97; Westmoreland County, Vir-ginia, 1732; Arthur Scho-penhauer, philosopher, Gdansk, 1788; James Lowell, poet and diplomate. Cambridge diplomat, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1819; Robert Baden-Powell, Baron Baden-Powell, founder the Boy Scout movement, London, 1857; his wife Olave, was born on this day, Wingesworth, Derbyshire, 1889; Henrich Hertz, physicist, Hamburg, 1857; Eric Gill, sculptor and typographer, Brighton, 1882; Edna St Vincent Millay, poet, Rockland, Maine, 1892. DEATHS: David Bruce, David II, King of Scotland, reigned 1329-71, Edinburgh, 1371; Adam Ferguson, philosopher, St Andrews, 1816; James Barry, painter, London, 1806; Sydney Smith, clergyman and wit, London, 1845; Sir Charles Lyall, geologist, London, 1875; Jean-Baptiste Corot, painter, Paris, 1875; Hugo Wolf, *lieder* composer, Vienna, 1903; Stefan Zweig, novelist, Petropolis, Brazil, 1942.

Cranwell graduates

Air Vice-Marshal P. J. Harding, Deputy Commander, Royal Air Force Germany, was the review-ing officer at the graduation of 110 officers of no 122 initial officer training course and 19 officers of no 234 specialist entrant and re-entrant course from the Royal Air Force College Cranwell on February 15. Prize-winners: Hennessy Trophy and Philip Sassoon Me-morial Prize: Flying Officer S. L. Brown, BSc, WRAF; British Aircraft Corporation Trophy: The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Mr and Mrs H.A. Wainwright, of Caldy, Wirral, and Annie, second daughter of Mr and Mrs T.B. Williams, of Mill Flying Officer J. K. Duncan; Group Captain Williams' Memorial Trophy: Acting Pilot Officer W. M. Webb.
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Fiving Officer R N Farmer BA.
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Adam Thomas, a brother for
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daughter, Claire Franceica.

KEEN-SAMLEY - On February
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LANGTON - On February
18th, at Queen Charloth's, to
Caroline and Tam, a son,
John Timothy Edward, a
brother for Rebecch LIE - See Knychala.

MADELEY - On February
20th, to Carol (née Maytag)
and Richard, a daughter.

MAYTAG - Carol. See
Maistag. Macrey. MORGAN - On February 20th. as Simpson Memorial Makernity Pavilion. Edinburgh, to Cecily (née Thomsoin) and John. a daughter. Sophie Ann. Deo Cratias.

BOURES - On February 18th., at The Portland Hospital, to Juliette (née Caisen) and Jeremy, a bouncing boy - Dominic - brother to Phoebe.

SAYEES - On February 18th. SAYERS - On February 15th 1990, at Kingston General Hospital, to Amanda (nie Kingsley) and Julian, a son. Henry.
WATSON - On February 200h
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Ridgwood, New Jersey, to
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DEATHS

19th 1990. Henning Sile Top, in University College Hospital, Much loved by his family and friends. Fumetal at Bedford Chapet. Goldens Green Camatorium 3.40 pm, Friday February 23rd.

19th, peacetally in hospital.
Arthur Gordon, Civil
Engineer, in his 85th year.
Funeral in Cornwall. Family
flowers only. Donations to
The Bible Society. Stonehill
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SNS 7DG. BRANDENTH-COOK - On February 18th, Grace Cecitia (née Mansfield), aged 88. beloved wife of Esmond Barnaby Cook, treasured mother of Rosalind and Angela, also miece of Hexrictia Globa and relative of Caffarine Alice Gibbs and H. Brandreth Globa, Much loved by Coorge, Kevin. Diana, Selly and Adrian, Fuseral 12.30 pm Hayes (Kent) Purish Chunch on Monday February 26th, Enquiries and flowers to C1-462 8386.

BROOKER - On February 20th
1990, suddenly at Middurst,
Frederick "Charles",
beloved husband of the late
Strain Brooker. Funeral
Service at Chichester
Crematorium on Wednesday
February 26th at 2.30 pm.
Flowers or donations if
desired to Friends of Kins
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L.F. Limiott & Son, Funeral
Directors, North Street,
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ON THIS DAY

The early months of the war were marked by severe frosts and heavy falls of snow; truffic, both on road and rail, was severely disrupted and it rout, was severely disrupted and it was not uncommon for trains in the north to be buried in deep drifts for some days, hence in late February special coal trains were run to build up depleted stocks.

SPECIAL COAL TRAINS

The anxiety felt in the House of Commons about the scarcity of coal was allayed today by the announcement of special and urgent measures and by evidence of the Prime Minister's personal interest and effort. There will be 143 additional coal trains each week, involving some curtailment

of passenger services. CAPTAIN EUAN WALLACE told the House that the exceptionally severe weather had dis-located traffic while increasing the demand for coal, and that depletion of stocks had caused continued scarcity in some areas. Last week it had been decided that special measures should be taken to accelerate the movement of coal, and it was hoped that areas suffering from scarcity of domestic supplies would soon be relieved. Special measures were also being taken to augment supplies to

public utility undertakings.
These measures would involve the drawing of additional supplies of coal by rail from Northumberland and Durham as well as from the Midland Amalgamated District, which includes South Yorkshire. The Railway Executive Committee had been asked to make such arrangements as would

ARRANGEMENTS

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UNKNOWN HEIRS OF DORIS R. EVANS, DECEASED

To any descendants of Sophic Claret or Cruel, new Creech; and To any descendants of Sydney William Later Fox Schmidt, William Harry Schmidt and Charites Douglas Wheeler

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Dons Rachel Evans, widow of Authory R. Evans, died instructe and without make on 8 March, 1985, less a resident of the Councy of Union, State of New Jerney, United States of America. Doris R. Evans was the only child born to the marriage of Liber (Lezne) Caroline Schmidt and John Creech, who were married on By only. Evans was ton on at 18 March, 1980, in Leysnessone, England. Her mother was one of sen children born in the marriage of James Charles Schmidt, on Leysnessone, England. Her mother was one of sen children born in the marriage of James Charles Schmidt, David James Charles Schmidt, David Lister Fox Schmidt, Clause Herbert Schmidt (Samh), Charles Jemes Schmidt, William Harry Schmidt, Martin Gerrude Schmidt, Martin Bearries Schmidt, William Harry Schmidt.

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TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that an action is now pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Canacery Devision, Mercer Causny, emided in The Master of the Real and Personal Property of Dors Rachel Evans, Now Decessed and bearing Docker No. C-83-0107, to debar unknown hears and for the final distribution of all of the property of Dors R. Evans, decreated.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the action instituted before the said Court seeks a declaration that Harrise Ethel Conyard, Trevor John Comminst, Raymond Charles Compants, Marganet J. Coombe, Arthur Hestie Ethel Conyard, Trevor John Comminst, Raymond Charles Compants, Marganet J. Coombe, Arthur Gentald Creech, Christ Robert Creech, John Alfred Creech, Rey Joseph Creech, Jeste Dorn Divez, Ada Sophia Finch, Victoria Ann Nicadams, John Harry Prevost, Lorna Fiorence Ross, Bernard John Schmidt, Jose Barbara Timisca, Bernard Godfirey Tyler, Geoffrey John Tyler, James Chreer Tyler, Rajby Cheert, Julyan Margaret Helen Wastweight and Jucephine Lydia Weil are sole heirs-st-law and discributions of the remaining funds of Dors R. Evans, decessed, and to her any other heirs-st-law, whose ulantity and locanon or presently selected.

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TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Court has fixed the 18th day of May, 1990, at 10 o'clock in the fore-moon at the Mercer County Court House, 209 S. Broad Street, Treaton, New Jessey as the unre and place for a fixed Heating on the aforested action for a decisement of heatshup, burning of unknown hours and

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TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any person claiming to be a descendant of Sophie Carret or Carret, nee Creech, Sadney William Liner Fox Schmidt, William Harry Schmidt or Charles Wheeler, or any other party claiming to be an hear of Dorra R. Franc, deceased, must (1) file at so before the mine of the Hearing a synthesis notice of the claim of hearthup as the time of the Hearing or at such further time as the Court may fix. The Written agone should be filed with the Cherk of the Court (? O. Box 1008, Trenton, N. J. 68559) and with the Americay General of New Jersey, whose address appears below.

If no person sholl file or prove a claim at this Hearing, and if no cause to the contrary is shown, a Final Order decisiong the heirsthap, berring unknown heart and ordering distribution of the residue of Doria R. Evans, deceased, may be granted and entered.

ROBERT J. DEL TUFO, ATTORNEY GENERAL OF NEW JERSEY

By: Helene S. Henry, Deputy Attorney General Division of Law, State of New Jersey, CN 112 Trenton, N.J. 68625-0112 U.S.A.

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DURBETT - On Tuesday February 20th 1990, peacefully at St Columbas Hospice, Edinburgh, Robert Forrest, Loving husband of the lafe Jatin Durmett, beloved father of Jane. Vicky, Robert and Holly, Gear grandfather of Wolg, Sean, Lucy, Bobby, Zoe, Emma, Holly, Franceal at Warriston Crematorium, Coister Chapel, Edinburgh, on Friday February 25rd at 2.45 pm.

ELLIOT - On February 21st. ELLIOT - On February 21st, peacefully at home after a long times fought with quiet courage. Thomas Elliot Elliot F.R.G.S.E., F.R.G.P.E., F.R.G.O.G., much loved husband of Mary Camerine and beloved father of Elusbeth, Michael, Jane and Anne and devoted grandfather of his nine grandfaldren. A Memorial Service will be held in St Andrew's Church, Guston, on Sahmday Fehruacy 24th at 3 pm. Family Rowers only, but donations may be sent to Cancer Relief MacMillan Nurses Fund. Rutand, c/o Fords. 8 Church Street. Oakham, Rutland, LE15 SRS.

FRIDON - On February 16th 1990, tragically, Charlotte Helena Louise, aged 17 only, of Fulmer Garden House. Folmer, much beloved daughter of Lynda and loving sister of Benjamin. Funeral Service for family and her friends only. All flowers please to H.C. Grimstead Lid., Benomsfield. Enquiries for service details telephone: (0753) 882644.

eRAVES - On February 18th. at home, Gyles, dearly loved husband of Elizabeth, and fond stepfather to Susan, Louise and David. At his request the funeral has taken place privately. ements - On February 20th 1990, peacefully, Marjorie Green (nie Bemoeth, widow of Christopher, mother and friend to many, the day before her 91st birthday, Funeral Service at the Church of St. Clement, Burnham Overs, on Tuesday February 27th at 12.30 pm, Family flowers only please.

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Church Wardens. MARTLEY - On February 17th 1990, at home in West Kensington. Catherine Elizabeth Mary (Late), much loved daughter of Herbert and Sylvia Hartley, sister of Richard, Michael and David.

JOHNSON - On February 19th, peacefully, aged 82 years, Walter, much loved husband of Putty, father of Ann. Bridget, Ian. Vaughan, Marcus and Sarah. Grandfather of 18. Freeman of Brackley. Funeral Service Monday February 26th 1 pm at Romsey Abbey. No flowers. Donations if desired to Cancer Research may be sent to A.H. Chester Puneral Directors. Rousey. Hants.

after a long struggle courageousty borne. Desmond, much loved husband of his. Safter of Simon and Alex, father-inlaw of June and grandfisher of Charle and Freddie. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service at St. Peter Mancroft. Norwich, on Thursday March 1st at 2.50 pm. No flowers please, but donations if destind to All Hallows. Hospital, Elitchingham, c/o C.W. Foulser & Son Funeral Directors, Shotesham, Norwich, Norfolk, tet: (060) 50242.

PRESCOTT - On February 20th. Helen Mary (nee Ferquisson), aged 89, tale of Canaling Place. Wil, after several years litness and in the kind care of Horion Cross Nursing Home and with her loving family. Firstly wife of the late Major Godwyn Prince, MC, The Royal Sussex Regiment and, secondly, of the late Captain Cyrill Prescott. The Queen's Regiment. Mother of Sarah Lucy. The Chantry, Inguister. Someriel, Grandmama of William Lucy and Toby Perrett. Funeral Service at St Mary the Virgin. Immister, on Wednesday February 28th at noon. followed by burial. Family flowers only, but donations, if wished, to The Royal Star and Garter Home. Richmond, Surrey.

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St Monies Home, Henrietta Mary Gordon, widow of ian, aged 84.

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Since essential freight could not be sacrificed, the provision of the extra coal trains would cause reduction of passenger services on the main lines between Newcastle and London as well as on a number of secondary and branch lines. There would also be curtailment of services on other lines to make room for the additional trains from the Midland district to London. The fullest possible notice

of alterations would be given.
CAPTAIN WALLACE expressed the hope that the traffic public would bear with the inconvenience caused to them by the necessary priorty given to coal traffic. He promis energetic action to ensure coal supply to the fullest possible extent.
To this, MR. CHAMBERLAIN added that as soon as the coal scarcity had been removed, messures would have to be taken to make it unlikely that scarcity would recur. He expressed sympathy with the sufferings of domestic consumers in the hard weather, and, while he could

recognised the importance of sea transport of coal and what was involved in that service. Salving Waste

not be precise as to dates, he hoped

that the situation would be materi-

ally eased in a comparatively short time. He told Mr. Shinwell that he

Earlier in the sitting, MR. BURGIN binted at compulsory powers to be applied to local authorities who were reluctant or unwilling to collect and treat household waste. He described measures already taken to stimulate this collection and in-dicated that many local authorities were coming into the general scheme of salving household waste. Collection of waste paper was also being stimulated

HEALTH

Sally Brompton reports on how British travellers are falling victim to the world's second greatest killer



Winged messenger of death: malaria-carrying anopheles female mosquito; other species are responsible for the spread of yellow fever, the virus infection dengue, encephalitis and elephantiasis

Malaria bites back

he alarming increase in the numbers of British travellers catching malaria, up 25 per cent on this time last year, is proof of man's losing battle against his greatest living enemy - the mosquito.

Despite the billions of pounds spent over the past 35 years on efforts to eradicate malaria worldwide, financial cutbacks mean the killer disease flourishes, as does the insect responsible for spreading it.

"In the 1960s our goal was to eradicate malaria globally, but now the emphasis has shifted to malaria control in the vast majority of places," says Dr Brian Doberstyn, chief of the World Health Organization's Malaria Unit. "All we can do now is to try to keep deaths and suffering to a reasonable limit. Our success varies from place

static or getting worse. With malaria-carrying mosquitoes surviving only in hot climates, Doberstyn is aware of speculation that the disease could spread as a result of global warming. "It is something we are watching," he says. "There are a few areas where the mean temperature has been observed to be increasing, and where malaria is getting worse. In certain areas, such as the highlands of Madagascar, where malaria has never before been a problem, it has now reached epidemic propor-

With an estimated two million people a year dying from malaria (mainly in Africa) out of an annual 400 million clinical attacks of the disease, it is the world's second biggest killer (after the combined diarrhoeal diseases which afflict Third World children). Malaria is rife in parts of Mexico, Turkey and the Middle East as well as Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and other parts of the Pacific. The Far East has patches of malaria which are very resistant to drugs.

In Britain, which has around 2,000 imported cases of malaria annually, resulting in an average of six deaths, more than half the cases involve the malignant *Plasmodium* falciparum, the most serious and potentially fatal form of the disease which can be caught in most malarial countries. The majority of British malaria victims - many of whom had been taking anti-malaria precautions - caught the disease in Africa. About 2 per cent of British travellers to Ghana come back with a malignant form of the disease.

Of the 3,500 species of mosquito, only the female anopheles mosquito carries the four malaria parasites. This is one of the 50 species found not warm enough for the parasite to complete the 10-day lifecycle inside the insect needed to pass on the disease. The only recorded cases of people catching malaria in Britain in recent years were the result of mosquitoes arriving at Gatwick on planes from malarial countries.

Other mosquitoes found in tropical climates are responsible for the spread of yellow fever, the virus infection dengue, encephalitis (in-flammation of the brain), and elephantiasis — gross thickening of the skin due to chronic obstruction of the lymphatic vessels.

Despite widespread rumour, most experts think it improbable that mosquitoes carry the Aids virus to any significant extent. "The HIV virus is very widespread in Africa, but it doesn't occur in children below the age of puberty, apart from the babies of infected mothers," says Dr Paul Clarke, medical director of the Medical Advisory Service for Travellers Abroad (MASTA). "Yet children of that age certainly die all the time from malaria, and get severely bitten by mosquitoes."

While other diseases passed on by mosquitoes need to reproduce within the insect. Clarke says there is "good evidence that the HIV virus does not multiply in the mosquito, which it would need to do in order to produce an effective dose". There is no recorded case of the HIV virus having been transmitted by mosquito.

The transmission of diseases is

carried out exclusively by the

'All we can do now is to try to keep deaths and suffering to a reasonable limit'

female mosquito, which bites and sucks the blood of mammals in order to breed. (The male mosquito prefers a diet of fruit juices.) After the female has fed, it finds some water in which to lay its eggs, which hatch within days. Mosquitoes are particularly foud of breeding in old car tyres in which water has collected; a recent shipment of tyres from Africa to the southern states of America resulted in the introduction into the United States of the aedes mosquito, which carries yellow fever and dengue.

In the flower vases of a Caracas cemetery there are said to be 50 quito at any given time. In Cuba, during the last major outbreak of dengue fever, President Fidel Castro insisted that only plastic flowers be displayed in homes and cemeteries.

Mosquitoes feed mainly at dawn and dusk and tend to search for food at ground level, which is why they frequently bite their victims' ankles, feet and legs. Some live indoors, while others hunt for food under trees. Nobody knows why some people are more susceptible to mosquito bites than others. "It may be to do with odour, warmth, or colour of the skin, but no real certain correlation has been found,"

Clarke says.

The official line to help prevent mosquito bites is basic: cover up as much skin as possible and wear long trousers tucked into socks; rub in Deet, an oily substance which repels children under six) and which is now available from MASTA, both neat and in the form of impregnated wrist and ankle bands; take whatever anti-malaria tablets are recommended for your particular destination, and continue them for 28 days after arriving home. Sleep under a mosquito net impregnated with insecticide.

If you catch malaria - which causes flu-like symptoms and can take up to a month to manifest itself - get treatment immediately. It is particularly dangerous for pregnant women, as all forms of malaria can cause abortions.

Unlike the malignant P. falciparum malaria, the three types of benign malaria can recur if not

treated by a specialist. One of the problems in fighting malaria is the mosquitoes' increasing resistance to insecticides, and

the malaria parasites' resistance to

drugs such as chloroquine - the most commonly used preventive and curative drug. "None of the precautions is fool-proof, but they do protect you quite a bit," says Dr David Warhurst, senior lecturer at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. "We've proved to our satisfaction that even if you do get the infection, if you have been taking prophylactics you are less likely to die."

Another problem is the expense and difficulty involved in creating treatment facilities in malarial areas. Between 1955 and 1970 an estimated \$2,000 million was spent on a malaria eradication campaign in 105 countries, consisting mainly of spraying DDT and using drugs in massive quantities. Today, due to dwindling funds and enthusiasm. the World Health Organization has only \$7.5 million a year to spend on iaiatia activities. \$6 million from voluntary

contributions. Current malaria research focuses on a three-pronged approach to the problem: control of mosquitoes, control of the malaria parasites with new drugs, and production of vaccines. "Right now there is no malaria which isn't curable," Doberstyn says. "But in some places the drugs that work are too expensive for the country to afford. And there is still a tremendous need for more effective and better drugs, and safer methods of control."

• The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine operates a telephone answering service providing detailed information on precautions for travellers, on 01-636 7921: for information on anti-mosquito items, ring 01-631 4408. British Airways operates 18 travel clinics nationwide dispensing tablets and up-to-date information (01-831 5333).

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Breast cancer prevention

While Michael Baum has been professor of surgery at King's College Hospital, his interest in breast cancer has embraced all aspects of the disease; the reward for his research has been a worldwide reputation. His move from the chair at King's to a similar post at the Royal Marsden Hospital has inevitably attracted attention and questions. Was it merely a desire to devote more time to research, in a postgraduate organization where he would be freed from the responsibilities of undergraduate teaching but would find the right research infrastructure? Or had he finally tired of the uphill task of trying to train students in a teaching hospital where, in his view, the number of surgical beds in the academic surgical unit was no longer enough to allow his undergraduates the experience necessary to make good doctors in the future?

Baum insists that his move, which was at the invitation of the Marsden, was prompted by the desire to do more research, but admits that he has become increasingly apprehensive about the damage to medical school teaching, not only in King's but in all the London teaching hospitals, resulting from the shortage of money and hence of beds. Recently Baum had felt it his duty to write formally to the dean of his medical school, warning him that unplanned cuts in surgical beds meant students were no longer receiving the surgical training which he, conscious of GMC guidelines on the number of teaching beds needed per

student, felt that they and their future patients deserved.

Although a professor of surgery with an international reputation, Baum now has access to only six beds at King's, a fraction of the number available when he was appointed. Baum's move has been celebrated by a donation of £100,000 to develop a laboratory to enable him to expand his current work, including research on gestodene, a drug which, if taken regularly, could prevent cancer of the breast. Baum feels that continuous treatment of this sort would be justified only if such a preparation could be incorporated into some other health-promoting pill – the contraceptive pill, for instance, or HRT treatment. By a happy chance, research workers may have uncovered a molecular structure which could have just such a role, and which Baum agrees is sufficiently encouraging to varrant further work on gestodene.

Women auxious about breast cancer should not be deluded by weekend reports which seemed to suggest that a lifetime of baking on a Mediterranean beach would prevent the disease. All the research workers had shown was a statistical relationship between vitamin D levels and the propensity to develop a malignancy. Rather more fish in the diet, or even a multivitamin pill, will achieve the same result without the hazard of developing skin cancer or a cataract.

Problem pill

Chauvinistic males who dread the day when their partners will expect them to take a contraceptive pill should not be alarmed by

Press reports which suggested that one would be available within 10 years. Preliminary findings by World Health Organization research workers who have been prescribing the male hormone testosterone encanthate (promoteston) to 234 men, 38 of them British, had apparently given encouraging results. But Pulse magazine reports that Schering, which makes promoteston in West Germany, has dropped all further fears over its efficiency as a contraceptive, and anxieties about its side effects.

The British subsidiary of Schering told The Times that it had never been involved in this particular research project. In general, research on the main male pill had centred on using male hormones in two different ways: either as a very large dose of the hormone, which would interfere with the control which the pituitary gland exerts on the production of sperm by the testes; or by prescribing a testosterone/progestogen mix-ture. Both lines of research had resulted in unacceptable side effects, which could possibly be dangerous. Testosterone, one of the products banned for athletes, may well

increase muscle growth, but it

could also cause long-term problems with fertility, the liver, the prostate and the cardiovascular system; psychologically, it can cause

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One teaching hospital has recently been sued because its casualty officer stitched a human bite wound, rather than cutting out damaged tissue first and then allowing it to heal slowly. The aggrieved patient claimed that to be bitten by another person is so notoriously dangerous that any doctor would be wrong to take a chance and stitch the

wound at once, Not all wounds are, however, afflicted in anger, love bites, too, have their dangers. The British Journal of Surgery recently reported a case of a woman who was so carried away by her portrayal of a vampire at a party that she left part of a broken plastic tooth in her boyfriend's neck; later a benign tumour formed around its remnants.

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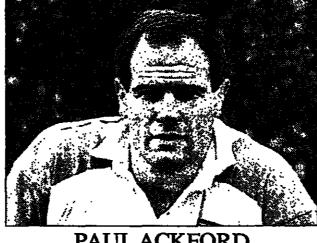
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Staying alive in the scrum

I've been playing with the England rugby team since November 1988. I play in the second row of the scrum and for that you've got to be tall, strong and mobile. Everyone jumps up for the ball, and if you're tall you can excel in that area. I'm 6ft 6in and weigh just over 17 stone. I've joined a gym in Battersea which has a combination of running machines, exercise bikes and weight training equipment, plus Jacuzzis and saunas, and I try to train down there three times a week. Rugby is unusual in that you need upper body strength as well as lower body strength, so you try to exercise the whole body. People like Seb Coe are very aerobically fit, far fitter than I'll ever be, but you ask him to rip a ball out of a scrum and he wouldn't be able As an inspector with the

Metropolitan Police, I work shifts. The difficulty with shift work (I do one week of nights every fourth week) is that obviously you're sleeping during the day and your body clock takes a while to readjust, so sometimes you're training when you think you should be sleeping, and vice versa.

and broccoli - and cut down on the fatty stuff like steak and I just try to eat my meals at a regular time. When I get up I don't really put on weight when I'm working during the very easily, so I try and eat properly for five or six days day, I always have cereal and toast. When I'm on nights and I get up at two or three in the afternoon. I'll have the same sort of food then. My main meal would be at three or four



PAUL ACKFORD

The England BREATHING team has a sports nu-**SPACE** tritionist: you've got to of carbohydrates, a bit like the runners - pasta, potatoes, fresh vegetables, fruit, orange juice, chicken

chips and fried foods. Luckily,

and on the seventh I'll indulge

myself. I quite like Indian

food, and a curry is pretty

I try to avoid puddings as

much as poslike fruit salad if I'm out, but I'm as bad as the next man -I like things like chocolate treamousse, cle tart with custard, but I try not to eat

I don't drink an awful lot of alcohol nowadays. It's a myth that rugby players are hard drinkers, though it used to be the case. They used to say that when you were in training for a serious game, instead of without anaesthetic. drinking six pints a night, you'd drink two pints a night, just wanted to play. but these days it doesn't happen so much - a few of the

teetotal. It's quite a demanding thing playing international sport, you've got to adopt a certain lifestyle to enable you to be as best prepared as You are vulnerable to injuries because it's a contact sport, but, touch wood, I've

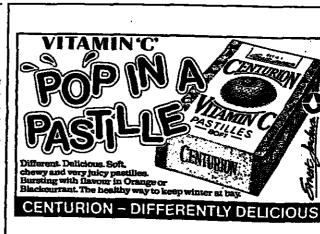
been very lucky, I've never really ever had any serious injuries. I've done a few rib cartilages, and a shoulder joint, had a few stitches, but nothing which has kept me out for very long. A lot of injuries are contact

injuries — haematomas, dead legs - you get a lot of those. If your thigh gets hit hard by a shoulder or a head, the muscle bleeds inside and when it stops and clots it's quite sore. It's nothing desperately serious, it just means that every time you exercise the muscle, you re-start the bleeding and it takes a while to sort itself out. You get lots of finger injuries

— dislocated, broken — and quite a lot of head injuries that need facial stitching, just from flying elbows or accidental boots, or clashing heads. But they are only small cuts and three or four stitches usually sort them out.

We played against Wales on who is the hooker, had a cut on his head early in the game. He had it stitched up at half-time on the field He didn't have to, he

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David Pryce-Jones on the books of scribblers who have become melodramatic moralists

Middle Eastern warr1ors

obert Fisk and Thomas Friedman are veteran Beirut correspondents, for one or another London newspaper and the New York Times respectively. Fisk had a close shave with kidnappers, and Friedman's apartment building was blown up. Such is life there.

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Fisk rejoices in the hazards, and as a writer insistently arouses pity and horror. As he tells it, he is repeatedly running into gun-fire and the yelling of four-letter words, but somehow managing to find what he is after. There is also an intentional process of self-romancing, of wishing to appear larger than life, which can raise a smile. The editor must print him on the front page, he telexes, because he has risked his life getting the story. Friedman is calmer. Both men claim to see themselves as witnesses to history in the making.

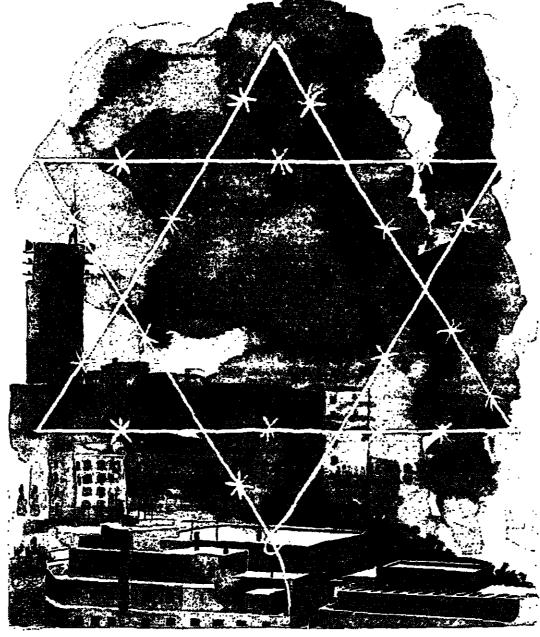
Actually they were required to do something more modestly specific, which was to report the civil war destroying Lebanon since 1975, and the extra twists imparted to it by the Syrian invasion of 1976 and the Israeli invasion of 1982. What they wrote was certain to influence public opinion, and so be controversial. Fisk describes how in 1982 he was answering in person letters from angry readers, while at the very same time Friedman was "the most hated man in New York City", in words passed on via his father-in-law. There is a strict divide between the journalist reporting facts and news, and the politician with a case to make. These books reveal how two experienced correspondents had convictions compelling them to disregard that divide, and to think

themselves right to be doing so. The letters and hate were of course sparked exclusively by the Israeli invasion. According to Fisk, this was "one of the greatest military blunders in recent Middle East history", and a bonus only to the Soviets. Blunder it certainly was in several respects, but Fisk sidesteps the reality that the PLO ever since has had no alternative to pursuing peace through diplomacy. And what about the Iraqi attack on Iran as a blunder creating far more human misery?

To Fisk, the Israelis are murderers and thieves, and it is his urgent moral duty to expose them as such. It is wrong of them to call their opponents "terrorists" when that is what they are themselves. Repeated reference to the Holocaust is more self-serving hypocrisy. Many of the angry letters came from Jews accusing Fisk of anti-Semitism. On the contrary, it seems to me as certain as anything can be that if the Israelis were being massacred Fisk would be there with note-book and camera. the moralizing pouring from him in just the same style of personalized outrage. His lack of proportion and his melodrama are aspects of personality, but more importantly derive from an ideological mind-set surviving unmodified from the Sixties.

In that view, there are good guys who are friendly leftists and anti-American, and bad guys who are rightists and imperialists, like Israelis and Maronites, and naïve or ugly America which puts them up to it. The wish to be with the good guys drives Fisk first into partisanship, and then into much more confusion than he understands. For in the absence in the Middle East of successful and pluralist nation-states, each and every ethnic and religious community or minority must defend itself by force or go under. These are the politics that have

long been customary in the region. was certainly not Fisk's intention to condescend to lesser breeds without the Law, but that is where his interpretation of the Middle East political and social order has led him. It comes down



to this for Fisk, that Israelis kill Arabs when they know better, and that is criminal, while Arabs kill Arabs because they do not know better, and that is cruel. In both cases, vicious character is the cause - and that is nonsense. The Sixties ideologue turns out to be as self-righteously superior as any

Friedman at least has a sense of proportion. Much of his analysis is true. Israel receives undue attention in the West, in his opinion, because it is a super-story with biblical and historical resonances that Palestinians could never match. Inter-Arab fighting goes unreported because nobody really cares about it, or expects otherwise: condescension in another form.

At Hama, the ruler proved that

he would stop at nothing for the

sake of power, and this leads

Friedman to coin the useful

Victorian colonel.

PITY THE NATION By Robert Fisk André Deutsch, £17.95 FROM BEIRUT TO JERUSALEM By Thomas Friedman Collins, £15

phrase "Hama Rules", to cover the absolute logic of customary politics. It was a shock to him to realize that 1982 marked the turning point when Israel began to play by Hama Rules. The Israeli invasion called into question his own feeling as a Jew, as well as his impartiality as a reporter, and he greatly resented being placed in this position. Criticism of Israel became a moral duty for him too. Interviewing General Drori, the overall Israeli commander at Sabra and Shatila, he banged the table, adding with a Fisk-like touch, "I buried Amir Drori on the front page of the New York Times." But slowly he came to understand that Israel is only one among other communities in the region, using force to have its way

in "a messy tribal feud". Israelis aspire to a Jewish state, democracy, and all of Palestine, any two of which are possible but not all three. The intifada prods them to make up their minds about what kind of people they want to be. In an Arab country, it would have been settled long since by Hama Rules, but in Israel's confines this would probably lead to civil war à la Beirut. Friedman is as sure as Fisk that he deserves the praise of all good men. That's how facts transform into convictions, and journalists into

Lean directness on last matters

nderwriting is the basis of insurance — and of some good novels. The Other Occupant by Peter Benson is underwritten to the scrape of truth. The title refers to an old roman, Marjorie: she finds that cancer occupies her gut and she must die. A drifter has come to work for her in Dorset for a week: but he stays to see her through and remembers the death by cancer of his father and mother - "the

disease was a rain in my life". Benson's art of understatement achieves the impossible. He makes a painful dying full of dignity and strength. Majorie has courage and no self-pity. She had worked as a doctor in Africa for most of her life. She can cope with her own going. It is rare to read a novel in which the brief style so well fits the harrowing subject

John Casey shares the gift of laconic truth, but in the American mode. Sparting is the name of a saltwater marsh weed, also the name of the fishing boat that the bero Dick is trying to build in Rhode Island. Married, with two boys, he meets a nark ranger from a rich local family and has a child by her. Their lovemaking is like small boats jostling each other with their fenders or deep in the mud of the creek along with the clams. She helps him to complete the fishing boat he craves, the Spartina, although he feels the money is a stud fee. And she patronizes him, treating him as if he were an endangered species. She is spoiling his habitat by

inflicting a baby on him. In the end, Dick accommodates himself to his new situation, feeling like the tangled marsh weed, now brimming with the sea. This novel has been compared in the United States to The Old Man and the Sea and to Moby Dick. It is nothing of the sort. It lacks their power and mythology. Its virtue lies in a family story of a fisherman and a wealthy woman, a love between the classes that resolves itself in a reconciliation with nature.

Little Red Riding Hood is now held to be a fable of awakening sexuality. The Evening Wolves takes this interpretation farther -- the two daughters of a lone wolf fight for his love with his succession of women, who find him involved with his brat pack. Joan Chase seems to enter into her adolescents as if she possessed them. She nuzzles and howls in their speech and actions. She has a gift for the oddities of American vernacular. And the narrative meanders on as sibling relationships do without conclusions;

FICTION

Andrew Sinclair

THE OTHER OCCUPANT By Peter Benson Macmillan, £12.95 **SPARTINA** By John Casey The Bodley Head, £12.95 THE EVENING WOLVES By Joan Chase Methuen, £12.99 THE COAST By Nigel Barley Viking, £12,99

there are spats and partings, kisses and meetings. The writing is so ingratiating and inclusive that the reader is made to tread an alien terrain, the road world of the Southern United States with its neon centility and brash shabbi-ness. This is an uncanny book which speaks with strange tongues about feelings common to us all and tests the bonds that tie blood kin together.

Then the Reverend Emmanuel Truscot went to the West Coast of Africa in the last century, he thought be would change the ways of its superstitious and slave society. The Coast is the story of his aching, but funny failure. Nigel Barley is an anthropologist and a traveller with a merciless eye for cultural misunderstandings. His version of pidgin English is the most hilarious nativespeak since Mister Johnson spoke for Joyce Cary. The local king has the better of the missionary, when given the Bible and the promise of eternal life. "With this book I never die? You think I fool black man for sure ... White Men chop us till we like to die because we no sabby book. It be fool fashion. You give me shakehands," which means a greasing of the palm rather than a

The missionary is a brave fool, a limited visionary, and an acute commentary on the irrelevance of colonialism in the equatorial forests. Nigel Barley lampoons Victorian rectitude and commercial morality and local resilience without losing sympathy for the vic-tims of his wit. Africa was no nest of singing birds when we got there, as my Cambridge tutor used to tell me. On the evidence of The Coast, he was absolutely right.

NEW HARDBACKS

The Literary Editor's a of Interesting books:

Epic & Lyric, by Luis de Camões, translated by Keith Bosley (Carcanet, £14.95) Extracts from The Lustad, and shorter poems, illustrated.

Comrade Princess, Memoirs of an Aristocrat in Modern Russia, by Ekaterina Meshcherskaya (Doubleday, £12.95) 85-year-old survivor in Moscow

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series, edited by Colin Renfrew. The Hidden Damage, by James Stem (Chelsea Press, £17.95) Memoir of a personal pligrimage with W. H. Auden to postwar Germany in 1945.

A History of Education in London 1870-1990, by Stuart Macture (Allen Lane, The Penguin Press, £17.99) The definitive history updated.

Mondrian, by Hans L. C. Jaffé (Thames & Hudson, £12.95). The Pride That Was China, by Michael Loewe (Sidgwick & Jackson, £20) Great Civilizations series, ab ovo to the

Spanish Imperialism and the Political Imagination, by Anthony Pagden (Yale, £18.50) The idea of Spain in Old and New Worlds.

inda Christmas is a lively lady and very attractive, judging by her photograph on the dust jacket. She was once married to Norman Fowler, until recently Secretary for Employment. She has variable political views, supporting Labour when she first voted, and understandably changing to Conservative after her marriage. Though by this time divorced, "in 1979, I voted for Mrs Thatcher". In 1987 she voted for the Liberal Demonstrate crats. She declares herself a delib-

erately floating voter, which adds spice to her narrative. She thinks we need Mrs Thatcher to curtail our decline". But "we'll be yearning — when the times comes — to say a hearty farewell to hard noses and a warm welcome to soft hearts". She seems to have undertaken her travels through Britain with the hope of making up her mind, and the minds of those of a similar disposition, as to whether it is now the magic moment to dispose of

Mrs Thatcher. J. B. Priestley wrote English Journey, an account of his English tour in 1933. It was a remarkable book, full of sturdy thought tinged with homespun philosophy. Despite the heavy unemployment, in general he concluded that England and the English were not too bad, though, like many who work from armchairs, he was displeased by industrial buildings and factories,

State of nation dashed about

even when run by so enlight-ened a firm as Cadbury. He went to many of as Linda Christmas: both liking

CHOPPING DOWN THE CHERRY TREES A Portrait of Britain in the Eighties By Linda Christmas the countryside but neither of them much con-

Viking, £14.99 cerned with the beauties of architecture. In Liverpool neither noticed its outstanding glory, James Wyatt's town hall.

Linda Christmas was ambitious. She started in the Orkneys, visited Northern Ireland, moved zigzag down Britain, and got as far as Perranporth in North Cornwall. Snap, snap, snap, went ther recording eyes and ears. She dashed from place to place, randomly observing, and listening eagerly to any who would talk to her. In view of her looks, they were numerous. In Cornwall she was much impressed by the few miles of coastal scenery she saw, and by some Cornish irredentist nutters: "Cornwall resents English domination." A quarter Cornish,

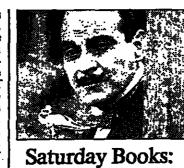
Woodrow Wyatt nish roots from childhood still existing (my late brother was one time High Sheriff), I must tell her that Cornwall is not seeth-

> Azerbaijan, with separatist demands. True, the Cornish have a way of referring to the English as foreigners, but they do not burn their holiday homes as they do in Wales. (I am half Welsh too.) Most are rather proud of being in the Prince of Wales's Duchy. This is the trouble with quick, inevitably superficial jabs. Sometimes you get it right; some-

> times you don't.
> In Bradford, Priestley's home town (how would he have reacted to an Asian Muslim mayor?), she is fair-minded about the row over Ray Honeyford, the headmaster removed for his opposition to the council's policy of multi-cultur-alism in his school to replace assimilation. When she stays long enough to acquire some under-

standing, she is usually fair, unless her sentimentality overtakes her. It does in Liverpool, where she complains of concentration "on the symptoms of Liverpool's malaise rather than the cause". The cause is the bloody-mindedness of the workers, who refused to operate reasonably the factories benevolently showered on them. In the recent Ford dispute, Halewood was in the van. Soon, probably, Ford will be yet another disillusioned manufacturer to pull

out.
Was the lady's journey worth-while? Yes. She writes engagingly.
Even when she pontificates beyond her capacity, she is enjoyable. She is typical of those floating voters who knew that to revivify Britain hard things had to be done, but shudder when they are. She teeters on the edge of wanting to reverse the policies by which Mrs Thatcher raised the standard of living, but does not seem quite to fall over that precipice. Her instantly bleeding heart grapples with her head, which sees a little further, I suspect, if mortgage interest comes down, and the community charge and NHS reforms are seen to be a success, she may well not want to risk Britain's rising prosperity, and will vote for Mrs Thatcher once again, though today Mr Kinnock may be her fancy-man. On such depends the fate of



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going to read from Primo Levi this side of Paradise, and it consists of cold cabbage recycled, i.e. pieces of journalistic fiction and com-ment and reportage that appeared in his column in *La Stampa* over 25 years. Newspaper columns are seldom worth publishing between hard covers (or reviewing), because they date, and because the two art forms are quite different: quick daily sprint on the Turin omnibus making a single crude point, and then used for wrapping carry-out pasta con ragit, con-trasted with a theoretically complex marathon lasting a few days, or even weeks of reading. Some of these columns are parochial, and a few have been overtaken by events, for example by the glorious winter in Eastern Europe.

But these pieces are worth publishing as a book for those of us outside the circulation area of Turin, because they are by Levi. He was one of the very few working scientists of our generation who could write grippingly across the two cultures about his mysteries, in this book dealing with matters that on other word processors would sound as duli as the primal clays that may be the source of life, or the invention of an arachnid varnish that really

Philip Howard THE MIRROR MAKER

By Primo Levi Translated by Raymond Rosenthal Methuen, £12.99

sticks. He had an uncomplicated, direct, perhaps naive view of the world, with no message and nothing too heavy to preach.

In this collection, as journo, he interviews a herring gull about pollution in the Po, and writes an open letter to the poet Horace about his Sabine farm: "Come now, it isn't as modest as you describe it; today we would call it a

second home, and we would make you pay taxes that you would find it difficult to cover out of your author's royalties, or to obtain from Maccenas." As that suggests, the English translation sometimes trips you: "I have not forgotten 30 years of militancy in minor chemistry." He tried to simplify, like a good chemist, or a filter pump that sucks up water, and expels it clear. The fiery furnace he had survived at Auschwitz made him a broad-minded, melancholy but humor-ous humanist, as in his moving poem about how our friends and lovers mark us for life, so that we carry their imprints for ever.

In the title story, a man invents a metaphysical mirror, which does not obey the laws of optics, but reproduces your image as it is seen by the person who stands in front of you. It is the size of a visiting card, and is worn on the forehead - and it causes predictable troublc. Levi was a modern Aesop, whose humanist's creed brings tears to the eyes. He was a curious - insatiably curious in both senses journalist. He was lucky to have found at La Stampa editors to publish such very unconventional, out-of-this-world columns. But La Stampa was luckier to have found a chemist-journalist who wrote

THE ARTS

No, Cleo, not tonight

TELEVISION Sheridan Morley

Way back in television ancienthistory, somewhere around 1955, I recall a series entitled You Were There in which a bloke in glasses and modern dress with a clipboard would stand somewhere like the battlefield of Hastings and interview the participants, or at any rate elderly actors giving a reason-able facsimile thereof. The format died, however, along with the potter's wheel intermission film and is one of the very few never to have been disinterred even for the middle of weekday afternoon

middle of weekday afternoons.

But last night two great historical figures were hanled back to camera life. Timewatch (BBC 2) investigated Napoleon's last great battle against the destroyers of his image, while Signals (Channel 4) had a post-feminist look at Cleopatra. Although not the greatest asp disaster in the world, an honour still reserved for the honour still reserved for the Elizabeth Taylor movie of a quarter century ago, Signals' "Dreams and Distortions" was a disappointing ramble around some

very familiar territory. Working from her own new book on the same theme, Lucy Hughes-Hallett and her producer Jo Ann Kaplan invited such intelligent recent stage Cleos as Jane Lapotaire, Janet Suzman and Kate O'Mara to muse on the Egyptian Queen as a threat to male suprem-

acy, encapsulating the fear of the powerful woman from Imelda Marcos to Margaret Thatcher.

From there they moved briskly on to a consideration of the Burton-Taylor scandal as a real-life replay of the legend, with Burton as the alcoholic hero destroyed by a "castrating" Liz. In itself that would have made a vastly more interesting pro-gramme, if they could just have let

gramme, it they count just have let their cameras linger on it for longer than a couple of minates.

On BBC 2, Bonaparte was laboriously cobbling his official memoirs together, a project apparently of such tedium that even he, as played by Kenneth Colley, found it difficult not to drift into found it difficult not to drift into simlessly nostalgic chats with a doctor who would occasionally ask such leading historical questions as: "Tell me, did you ever make a

The Isle of Lundy starred as St Helens, and managed to look like an equally appalling place to

Bonfire of the literary world

literary circles has long been a thing of level of self-advocacy seems to have been reached. Last year Jay McInerney took his critics to task in an article in Esquire magazine more than five pages long. At least he had the good taste not to refer to his own books openly; which is more than can be said of Tom Wolfe, the man who can fit 2,343 exclama-

tion marks into a single novel. You may have already read Anthony Burgess or Jonathon Coe's ripostes to Wolfe's article, "Stalking the Billion-Footed Beast", but in America the debate has become more of a cause célèbre. Rarely has a single article - albeit such a long one - created such a stir in the literary fishpond. But, then, Wolfe has done everything in his power to maximize its effect: since it was first published in Harper's magazine last November, he has gone on the lecture circuit and appeared on television to defend his views. More to the point, though, Wolfe has been employing his

favourite tactic of mixing one part serious argument with two parts calculated provocation. His basic thesis is that over the last 40 years or so, the American novel, once "great", has retreated from re-alism into a series of literary postures such as Minimalism, or what Wolfe has dubbed "K-Mart Realism". But to add fat to this fire, Wolfe repeatedly turns to his only novel, The Bonfire of the Vanities, for examples of the heights the novel can achieve through reportage and realism; furthermore, he quite brazenly implies that he is the sole heir to Dickens, Balzac and Zola.

It is this provocative combination of assertion and narcissism that proves Wolfe to be such a cunning self-publicist, for the welter of protest has had to return to him at every stage of the debate. The result has been that three years after it first saw the light of day, Bonfire is still being discussed. A remarkable feat in our supposedly three-minute culture. However, the larger issues of the

Freddie Baveystock watches the fur fly

as Tom Wolfe offers advice to novelists

state of the American novel and the potential of realist fiction have been the ones to dominate the letters to Harper's, of which, incidentally, Wolfe is a contributing editor. On the first count there has been an overwhelming consensus of opinion that Wolfe simply has not read enough contemporary American fiction to rubbish it. The New York novelist Mary Gordon asks whether he has

'He quite brazenly implies that he is the sole heir to Dickens, Balzac and Zola'

read Louise Erdrich, Toni Morrison or William Kennedy.

It seems unlikely, for in Wolfe's final word on the subject (to be printed in the March issue of Harper's), he repeats his disdain for those whose work is "cut off from real life" as well as his clarion-call for a return to "detailed realism". Obviously Wolfe failed to digest Robert Towers's long reply to his original article in The New York Times Book Review, in which he took Wolfe to task for his impoverished definition of realism and thoroughgoing ignorance of modern American letters. He called Wolfe's piece an "exercise in

If this provided the most comprehensive rebuttal of Wolfe's argument, it is Mary Gordon who has most acutely identified what lies behind it: an intense dislike of the intelligentsia, especially those associated with universities. Her letter accuses Wolfe of "speaking from a position that comforts the uneasy", and of playing "the thinking man's redneck". While Wolfe's white suits and snobbish disregard for anything outside

epithet, it fits his patriotic exhortation of the idea of the American novel as well as his deep suspicion of foreign writers.

In their debate on television, Mary Gordon made a passionate case for a much broader view of literature and the role imagination plays within it, less than 24 hours before Salman Rushdie's eloquent defence of just those two things in the Herbert Read Memorial lecture read at the ICA. Gordon drew upon a wide range of literature to support her critique of Wolfe: at one point she bluntly asked him whether he had read Un Coeur Simple or Anna Karenina. According to a spokeswoman at Harper's, "There was a pause - it was eloquent - and then he said

Speaking to The Times from her home outside New York, Gordon now says she is weary of the debate. She feels the terms of the discussion have been based on 19th-century expectations of what the novel can do, and have not properly taken into account the power of television and film to describe reality or entertain: "We just don't go to the novel for the same things any more. And as for this 19th-century kind of entertainment, not even Tom Wolfe can provide that."

Pointing out his masculine preoccupation with size and scope, she said: "Who says that the smaller, more personal things are less important? Wolfe is clearly unwilling to place the novel in a narrower, but possibly deeper,

The truth, Harper's editor Lewis Lapham suggests, is that "there never has been much of a market for the literary novel in the US, so it's hard to know what standards you're measuring it against." He professes himself "delighted" with the controversy. Certainly it is beginning to look like a joint publicity venture. Mary Gordon somewhat regrets "playing into that. I think we should all be quiet now and get on with our work." Come to think of it, has Tom Wolfe not just been paid an extravagantly large advance for a



Wolfe: "the thinking man's reducck", or a campaigner for realism? the Lezghis that went well with steely-fingered pianism.

Taking up a challenge

CONCERT Noël Goodwin

Philip Hosford Purcell Room

Even today the Piano Variations which Aaron Copland composed 60 years ago remain a challenge to player and listeners alike. Philip Hosford, the American pianist who won the 1988 Terence Judd Competition in London, put Copland's work at the centre of a byno-means conventional musical programme, and showed why it is judged such a pivotal work in Copland's output.

The resonances of what goes on between the notes are as important here as the notes themselves, though in the precise weight and sustaining of them the pianist's sensibility must be called into play. Copland's highly individual "note row" here is less of an exact science than if it were in serial technique, and a compelling emotional character in this performance - in relating to the American blues tradition in the background, for instance - was combined with an assured display

In the first part of the programme Bach and Beethoven fared less well. The former's D minor Chaconne, in Busoni's magniloquent arrangement, became too much the means to a clamorous keyboard broadside that almost bounced off the walls in the small hall, though the pianist's grasp of its musical implications was impressive more so, indeed, than his curiously detached and sometimes peremptory account of Beethoven's A flat Sonata, Op 110. Here, the final fugue almost fell over itself to redeem the *arioso dolente*

Russian romantic composers touched responsive chords in the pianist's more benevolent aspects from idyllically melodious Boro-din (a Serenade and Nocturne) to Scriabin as a first encore.

Along the way were a glistening Preinde and Fugue (very fast) by Taneyev, and what the pro-gramme-sheet delightfully itemised as "Les Ghinka" (1 often wondered what happened to Les wherein Lyapunov dispensed shimmering lines as well as exciting rhythms in a folk-dance from



"To write is to pass judgement on oneself," declared Ibsen; and he never fulfilled that injunction with more dour relish than in his last play. It is a post-mortem in which the dramatist himself combines the roles of pathologist and dead body; an inquest on the human and creative talents he has misused and may have destroyed.

It is also a notoriously dense work, difficult for audiences to grasp and directors to stage. Even Archer, Ibsen's great champion, thought it showed signs of senility. It says something for Jonathan Kent's clean, spare, if under-powered, revival that the play emerges as comprehensibly as it does. The knife may not cut deep and dangerously, but we know

What it reveals are the innards of sculptor Rubek, who created a masterpiece, shed the model who inspired it, and is now trapped in a enervating marriage with a bored young wife, Maja. Indeed, he seems terminally disappointed: as artist, man, everything.
All this is briskly, almost

brusquely, conveyed to us by way

Climax of a senile genius

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of introducing the main action. One living corpse meets another, Rubek is confronted with the model Irena, half-mad with resentment at a rejection she believes murdered her soul; or (to name the names at the Almeida) the Norwegian actor Espen Skjönberg, a natty, bearded blend of hobgoblin and Pirandello, does battle with Claire Bloom, looking like a well-groomed ghost with her

silver-cream face, hair and dress. The play's symbolism becomes more obtrusive, more apocalyptic, and culminates in what may be a joint suicide, and may be a transfiguration, on a mountain peak. It is an ending markedly like those of Ibsen's other late, late zanne Burden's Maja, never As his embarrassing weakness for young women showed, he too yearned for emotional resurrection. He too wanted to create a new poetic masterpiece, finer than those of his youth. He too was tormented with remorse, selfdisgust and hopelessness.

But the play is more than autobiographical, or should be. It must leave us too feeling the desperate frustration of not being able to correct one's life-errors, recover the irrecoverable, or begin again; at least not this side of the grave. Unluckily, Kent's production proves stronger at evoking killer-avalanches - a roar, swirling smoke, white light playing across the vast, crotic sculpture at the back of the art-gallery-like set - than in generating the killeremotions Ibsen demands. The problem starts with Su-

works, The Master Builder and sensuous enough to make plau-John Gabriel Borkman; and it tells sible the parallel plot in which she us much about his restless old age. deserts the inert Rubek for the excitingly shaggy gentleman-Viking, played by Miles Anderson. It is not improved by Claire Bloom, who must seem corroded past repair with vindictiveness. She successfully expresses nostalgia, regret and rueful affection; but when she brandishes a dagger at Rubek, she looks as if she's proffering picnic cutlery, not

threatening to skewer him. Skjönberg's Rubek - if sometimes uncomfortable with English syllables, the text, and his fellowplayers — gives a more complex, interesting performance. There is sardonic humour here, and anger, and even a weird other-worldliness, reminiscent of the late Ralph Richardson. But one still misses something central: an intensity of self-hatred and, at times, despair. Kent's production is lucid, yes,

Jeremy Kingston

The Seagull Birmingham Rep

Where this production differs from other productions of Chekbov, is that the funds have been largely assembled by one of the actors, Neal Foster, who plays Konstan-tin. You may remember reading about his enterprise last summer. in button-holing Jack Lemmon, Dustin Hoffman, Judi Dench and other theatrical celebrities as they left their dressing rooms, and asking to be allowed to interview

them before a paying andience. He had already asked Birmingham Rep if they would stage a production if he raised the cash, and after crawling out from under their desks or clambering down from the ceiling - or wherever else a management retreats to when faced with such an unorthodox request - they agreed. Foster looks fragile enough to be blown away by a moderate wind, but

clearly has nerves of steel. And has it been worthwhile from an andience's point of view? Fortunately, yes, though I think the proximity of a studio production works against this particular play. Either that or the direction, Anthony Clark's first since becoming artistic director of the Rep, has not assessed the dimensions of the space and scaled down the londer performances accordingly. We are very close to the actors, who are

even closer to one another. The settings by Liz Fjelle are eye-catching, a 3-D version of an Edvard Munch lakeside — Nor-

When cheek pays off

suitably melancholy as a back-ground to the distracted love affairs. The play within the play is acted upon a smoothly rounded rock in the foreground, assisted by an unasual battery of sound effects from kitchen atensils; and the long reflection of a low sun - Munch's trademark - cropping up again on the floor and cartains of the interior scenes, encloses the characters in a mood of isolation at the other end of nowhere.

Foster's tant and edgy Konstantin, a performance of raw nerve-endings and choked rage, is uneasily partnered by Emily Raymond's Nina who has lovely eyes and a mysterious smile, but so passionate a delivery that her crucial self-discoveries do not seem her own. Roberta Taylor's sour Arkadina misses the character's glamour, though I liked the way she sways from Peter Guinness's pugilist-like Trigorin as he goes rhapsodising on about Nina's youth.

Clark is generally good with the comedy, and Angela Moran's Polina is unexpectedly funny, sliding along the garden seat to be close to her beloved doctor. There is also a peach of a performance from Michele Wade as Masha, a sort of roguish Ophelia snorting snuff as voraciously as though she had shares in the company.



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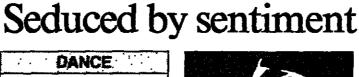
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Swan Lake Covent Garden

Of the guest stars who have appeared lately with the Royal Ballet, Altynai Asylmuratova is becoming, after Sylvie Guillem and Laurent Hilaire, the most frequent visitor. Tuesday brought her first Covent Garden Swan Lake, and during this season we shall have seen her in three different roles with the local company, apart from whatever her home company, the Kirov Ballet, may show in June at the

It is always a pleasure to see this youngest of Leningrad's leading ballerinas: so slim and supple, so exotically beautiful, so dedicated in everything she does. She make every step ring clear in shape and meaning; and each moment her body and limbs form a harmonious, highly individual composition of curves and angles

That said, I have to admit that, of all the ballets I have seen her in, Swan Lake seems to me to suit her least. That is largely, I believe, because of the way the ballet is produced in Russia nowadays, omitting the mime and eliding some of the choreography for big, sentimental effects.

The proof of this can be seen in the difference between her Odette in Act II and in Act IV. The former stays close enough in its London and Leningrad stagings for her and Jonathan Cope, her Siegfried, to perform mostly her own accustomed version. The result is elegant but cool, brittle: too much of the bird-like arm movements, not enough of the



Asylmuratova: exotically beautiful

musical and structural differences are bigger, so she has to fit in with the Royal Ballet's version, and how much better she looked for it. Ivanov's quiet, elegiac choreog-

raphy suits her, and so does the traditional mime, which she gives Here we saw the Odette she could be if she played the whole ballet in the old-fashioned way; simple, unaffected, touching and true.

nically and emotionally, as well as temporally, between those two Odettes. She seemed to be seducing us in the audience rather more than Siegfried; but those fast, tight turns of every kind are amazing, and in one diagonal of little leaps she seemed to pounce on her transfixed princely prey like a jungle creature.



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Imperious: Jessica Tandy as Daisy Werthan, with her trusty chauffeur

Hoke Colburn (Morgan Freeman)

David Robinson reviews new releases Driving Miss Daisy, Cinema Paradiso, Dad, Monkey Shines, Winter People . . .

Race relations in the driving seat

ruce Beresford's Driving Miss Daisy (U, Warner West End) has edged Born on the Fourth of July out of top place in the American box office charts, won a heap of Oscar nominations, and earned top acting honours for Jessica Tandy and Morgan Freeman at the Berlin Film Festival -so demonstrating that there is still a place for charm in the movies.

Adapted from a three-character play by Alfred Uhry, it is set in Georgia and traces the slow-developing relationship of a crotchety old Jewish widow and the black chauffeur she unwillingly takes on when her own driving becomes dangerously

The action spans the period from 1948 to 1973, and reflects slowly changing Southern attitudes to race. The characters are so conditioned by the society in which they have grown, that neither recognizes the racism implicit equally in Miss Daisy's imperious ways with blacks, and Comments of the control of the contr in Hoke the chauffeur's amused and philosophical acceptance and unvarying "Yas'm".

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Imperceptibly their relationship develops with the times. As a Jew, Daisy herself experiences racism, and at the end, helpless in an old people's home, she brings herself CINEMA

to confess that the black man is her best friend.

Uhry's screen play is sharp, funny, unsentimental: and the performances deserve every prize they get. The octogenarian English actress Jessica Tandy gives a huge range of shadings to Miss Daisy. from acidulous to tender, and Morgan Freeman, in his original stage role, brings a lot of endearing cunning to Hoke's management of the old lady. Dan Aykroyd -more usually seen in over-the-top comic roles - skilfully subordinates himself in the role of Daisy's likeable dullard son. It is a film of

unimpaired delight.
Charm also infuses every frame of Giuseppe Tornatore's Cinema Paradiso (PG, Curzon Mayfair), just nominated for Best Foreign Film Oscar. This is unrestrained, sentimental nostalgia for the days when the cinema stood alongside the parish church as the centre of the community life of every little provincial town

A successful film director (Jacques Perrin), learning of the death of his friend Alfredo, remembers his home-town and childhood; his war-widowed mother, his shortcomings as altar boy, and his passion to get into the projection box of the movie theatre, where

Alfredo rules supreme — a giant in the town, provider of the stories with which the cinema nightly enthralls the populace.

The glimpsed fragments from forgotten Italian pot-boilers, the too-passionate kisses which the local priest snips out of the films (to be secretly treasured for the future), the lurid posters, the faithful audience: all remind us that movies are the folk-tales of the 20th century, as necessary and precious and regretted in their loss as any other communal culture.

his film again triumphs by the central perfor-mances: the incomparable Philippe Noiret as the solemn Alfredo, and Salvatore Cascio as the infant Salvatore, an endearing and defi-antly uncute little comedian. If the later scenes - with Alfredo retired and Salvatore grown-up - are less successful, it is probably mostly due (as Tornatore explains in the interview below) to cuts forced on him by the initial hostile reception of his film.

The charm intended in Dad (PG, Cannons Haymarket, Shaftesbury Avenue) is quite resistible. Jack Lemmon plays the title role in this mawkishly sentimental tale whose moral is that fathers and sons should demonstrate their love while they still may. The

script, from a novel by William Wharton, manages to drag us through two very medical deathhed scenes, from the first of which Lemmon miraculously revives to enjoy an embarrassing second childhood. Olympia Dukakis plays his self-centred and overbearing wife; Ted Danson as his son is the most sympathetic and credible character. Some things are better left unsaid; but Dad says them all, over and over. It is directed, with ambitions to look like On Golden Pond, by Gary

David Goldberg. Charm is notably absent from George A. Romero's science-lic-tion thriller Monkey Shines (18, Prince Charles) in which the paraplegic hero (Hollywood is currently obsessed with sickness and infirmity) falls victim to a monkey who, having been injected with human brain serum, develops killer tendencies.

Winter People (15, Cannon Tottenham Court Road), directed by Ted Kotcheff, is the kind of hillbilly melodrama that has not been seen this past half-century, with bewhiskered mountain-men, feuding families, byblow babies, and a mild-mannered stranger (Kurt Russell) who survives ridicule and humiliation to win love and respect at the fade-out. The brightest spot is Lloyd Bridges as a



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and Geoff Brown looks at Blaze starring Paul Newman, plus Hamlet Goes Business and Romero

The stripper, the sinner and the saintly bishop

notation of the week: "The three best friends the poor people have ever had are Jesus Christ, Sears and Roebuck, and Earl K. Long". The first two we know, and Blaze (15, Warner West End), a captivating slice of Americana from writer-director Ron Shelton, tells us about the third. Like his younger brother Huey, he was Governor of Louisiana; a Democrat, he stood up for civil rights and social welfare.

More to the movie's point, in 1959
he began a love affair with a redheaded stripper, Blaze Starr. The
scandal terminated his political career and, shortly afterwards, his

Paul Newman brings this sympathetic rogue leaping back to life: the face seems deliberately lined beyond Newman's years, the voice a husky croak through and in sliding mental health, Long can still respond to the innocent ce of Blaze the stripper amiably protrayed by a relative newcomer from Canada, Lolita Davidovich. The affair is mostly played for comedy, though the pair's affection seems real: there is nothing sleazy about this May to December romance.

Shelton's film - 2 worthy successor to his haseball comedy Bull Durham - revels in its flamboyant hero and period setting. Newman's sole starring presence in a character role seems to



Simple dignity: Julia as Romero

have hurt the film in America; though the jostling gallery of fresh faces, cast as back-room cromes, remains one of its many pleasures. Blaze is a fine addition to Holly-wood's forays into political his-tory, and a welcome sign that adult intelligence in the movie capital may be staging a comeback.

Hamlet Goes Business (15,
Everyman) finds Aki Kanrismāki,

the bad boy of Finnish cinema, on better form than in Leningrad Cowboys Go to America. Shakespeare's plot supplies a stardy

on the ways of the world (Hamlet is now a moon-faced idler who inherits a business empire poised to give up mills and shipyards for Sweden's rubber duck industry). The oppressive black-and-white photography bestows a unifying style; the film quietly throbs with B-movie madness. Rib-poking performances would have ruined its dour demeanour; but the cast (headed by comedian Pirkka-Pekka Peteliius) display icy composure, whether dispatching Rosencrantz and Guildenstern to the Oslo Sheraton or braining an

opponent with a radio set.
Considering Raul Julia's usual shady characters, it seems odd to find him under an archbishop's mitre in Romero (15, Cannon Tottenham Court Road). Oscar Romero, that is: the gentle man of out against his country's torment and died from an assassin's bullet in 1980. Worthiness drips from this venture by Paulist Pictures, an outfit dedicated to humanitarian entertainment. Julia's aura of simple dignity helps smooth Ro-mero's switch from bookish mouse to protesting lion. A firebrand director might have avoided stereotypes of the peasants and military and sharpened the political thrust. But the safe, decent Romero, directed by the Australian John Duigan, was never meant to be agit-prop.

Tapping a gold mine

cently released on video. The year refers to the date of first re-lease, or in the case of television films, of first broadcast.

BERT RIGBY, YOU'RE A FOOL (Warner, 15): Carl Rel-ner's whimsical vehicle for Robert Lindsay, stage star of Me and My Girl — cast as a British miner, with a gift for hoofing, at large in Holly-wood. Thin and tiresome, de-spite Lindsay's talent. 1989.

CLEOPATRA (CBS/Fox, PG): Joseph Mankiewicz's 1963 epic, spread over two cassettes — an ornate, dreary trudge through the familiar story, though Rex Harrison has a good time as the acerbic ar. Taylor and Burton's performances now seem far less interesting than their

off-screen antics. DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUN-DRELS (Virgin, PG): Flimsy but furnry remake of the 1964 Bectime Story, with Steve Mar-tin and Michael Caine as competing commen (one slick, one shaggy) working the French Riviera. Directed by Frank Oz. 1989.

GETTING IT RIGHT (Medusa, 15): Swinging London struccies to swing again in this strained version of Elizabeth Jane Howard's novel about a hairdresser's belated Introduction to sex. With Jesse Birdsali, Helen Bonham Carter; directed, improba-bly, by Randal Kleiser, who gave us *Grease*. 1989.

MAJOR LEAGUE (Braveworld, 15): Predictable ma-terial - misfit baseball team turns victorious - overhauled with vigour and a degree of rude charm by writer-director David Ward. The team's pin-ups include Tom Berenger and Charlie Sheen. 1989.

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DEAD (Odyssey, PG): Norman Mailer's gutsy war novel mainer's gutsy war novel about a platoon in the Pacific gets somewhat flattened by Hollywood's steamroller. Stareotyped characters, but punchy action scenes. Reoul Walsh directs. 1958.

PAPERHOUSE (Vestron, 15): A disturbed girl's drawings of an imaginary house come to life in her dreams cue for a British horror fantasy with far more imagination than most. A promising de-but by rock-video director Ber-nard Rose. 1989.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE (Warner, PG): Uninvolving at-tempt to update the smoky wood of 1940s thrillers, with Burt Reynolds as a dishevelled ex-cop facing a murder charge and Theresa Rus-sell as his defence counsel, choked with designer jewellry. Lacklustre direction by Michael Crichton. 1989.

SHALAKO (Warner, PG): with a potent cast (Sean Connery, Brigitte Bardot) and a good subject (an arisocratic safari is caught among Apaches). Dream of the film that might have been. Directed by Edward Dmytryk. 1968.

PG): John Candy as an oafish private eye investigating a kidnapping. Mauled by most critics, though if your furnybone is in a silly position there are enough things to enjoy. Paul Flaherty directs as though he were filming a live-action comic-strip. 1989.

WHO'S HARRY CRUMB?

Tornatore's Paradiso lost and regained

Giuseppe Tornatore knows by heart what the critics wrote about Cinema Paradiso when it first came out in Italy. 'It is full of historical mistakes", "Philippe Noiret acts like a car-toon character", "It is anti-feminist because the women in it are. anti-cinema", "The music is terrible", "Because Tornatore is young, he must have stolen the subject from someone else", "It is too melodramatic", "Tornatore is too ambitious and trying to be an Orson Welles", "The language is that of a TV feature", "It is a blackmailing picture". Well, those

Lolita Davidovich as Blaze Starr: the good-time girl who gets her man

are just some of them. "Above all they said it was too long. It ran two and a half hours, so out of despair I cut out 25 minutes, which I regret very much. And of course they criticized the shorter version just the same. In fact they were harder than before. It was not all the Italian critics, but unfortunately it was the most influential ones."

Outside Italy, the film has been a major critical success; and even in Italy, Tornatore's fellow directors are enthusiastic and encouraging. The veteran director Luigi Comencini told him he had "reconciled him with cinema" and Alberto Lattuada rejoiced to be face to face with a true film maker".

"When the original version came out," says Tornatore, "it was a total flop - box office, critics, everything. It did really badly. It was taken off almost immediately. I simply couldn't find a movie house that would show it. That's when I cut it. And then came the miracle of Cannes. People liked the film, and it ended up getting the Grand Prix of the Jury. After that the attitude of the Italian public changed, but not the

Is it possible that the critics acted out of some misguided sense of solidarity with the veteran Ettore Scola, whose film Splendor, also about the rise and decline of a provincial movie theatre, came out at the same time? (Scola's film was shown in London last year.)

David Robinson meets the Sicilian director whose nostalgic film won a Grand Prix at Cannes despite a critical mauling in Italy



Defiantly uncute: Salvatore Cascio as the small boy obsessed with the behind-the-scenes magic of cinema

Maybe, though it would be idiotic. For one thing, Scola himself was very nice about my film; and for another the two pictures are entirely different.

Of course it is a funny co-incidence that we should both make films about nostalgia for the great days of cinema; but that's all they have in common. Scola's approach is much more intellecutal and modern. I have a more narrative approach, with a more classical, maybe more banal

"Also, the movies shown in Scola's Cinema Splendor are always works by great directors, to mean anything to the people. If

while my Cinema Paradiso shows everything - bad, good, adven-tures, big box office films, the lot. I feel my film is more realistic, while Scola is more symbolic. And I think I am more concerned with the magic and nostalgia.

"But the subject is in the air maybe because the situation of movie theatres is so bad now. I hear that Peter Bogdanovich is making a sequel to The Last Picture Show. The movie house is losing its central role in the relationship between the audience and the movie. It is the same as if the church in Italy were no longer

that happened we would be making movies about the disappearance of the churches." A small, neat, bespectacled man

with a face which alternates between broad beaming and sudden looks of deep anxiety, Tornatore was born 33 years ago in Bagheria, a village near Palermo in Sicily. He first worked as a photographer, but then turned to making documentaries for television. His first feature film, made in 1987, was Il Camorista, starring Ben Gazzara, about the Mafia in Naples, and the links between organized crime and the state.

The subject could hardly be

further from Cinema Paradiso. "I want every movie to be different. Also I didn't want to have anything autobiographical in the first film. It's dangerous for new directors to do that."

Cinema Paradiso is "about ten per cent autobiography, the relationship of the little boy to the movie theatre. Although the ideas and the memories are mine, the things that happen are fiction." Does he personally remember a time when the cinema was the focus of the community, along with the church? "I started to go to the movies when I was about four or five years old, around 28 years ago. Small-town life in Sicily had hardly changed since the Forties and Fifties.'

So the atmosphere of the place and the situation of the cinema theatres in the film is very much what he experienced as a child. "But since I decided to set the film at the end of the Forties and beginning of the Fifties, I did a lot of historical research, talking to old projectionists and theatre proprietors."

The detractors of Cinema Paradiso have been somewhat confounded by the film's success abroad. Since Cannes, it has picked up an enviable collection of prizes, including European Film Awards for Philippe Noiret and Tornatore himself, a Golden Globe and the Italian cinema's nomination for the Best Foreign Picture Oscar.

The experience though, has evidently made Tornatore suspicious of fate. "Were all the bad things that happened to the film in Italy a true tragedy for me or not? Of course I was very miserable and depressed at the time. But sometimes tragedy has an opposite effect. Something very positive can come out of negative things. The trouble is that now I start to fear that in turn, out of all the positive things that happened afterwards, something negative may come." His big grin suggests, however, that with the vindication provided by world success, the fear is not too serious.



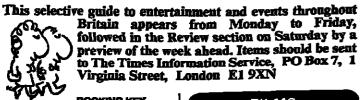
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Dance in miniature



Lyrical: Josephine Jewkes (left), Craig Randolph and Theresa Jarvis in English National Ballet's Aureole

enough to take the full company. This is a side of their displayed in a variety of roles, and the bill is selected range of the company's repertoire. The tour prone includes the premier of *The Moor's Pay* José Limón's adaptation of the story of Othello which

English National Ballet starts a five week tour furiously. Paul Taylor's happily lyrical Aureole, to tomorrow at Bury St Edmunds with a programme music by Handel, and the classical duet from specially designed for towns without a theatre large Bournonville's Flower Festival in Genzano, open the programme. In most towns the centreniece will be work which Peter Schaufuss developed during his Christopher Bruce's grippingly dramatic Swansong, period as director. Although the conditions rule out At Yeovil and Exeter next week this is replaced by the biggest productions, these tours offer the chance to Béjart's Song of a Wayfarer and Ben Stevenson's see established and up-and-coming soloists well popular Three Preludes. Theatre Royal, Westgate Street, Bury St Edmunds (0284 769505), tomorrow with a good balance of works to represent the full 7.30pm, Saturday 2.30pm and 7.30pm, £4-£11. The company will then be visiting Octagon Theatre, Yeovil; Northcott Theatre, Exeter; Wyvern Theatre, Swindon; Festival Theatre, Malvern; Coronation works around its four central characters. The choice of Hall, Ulverston, Civic Theatre, Scunthorpe; Towngate music by Purcell imposes a stately formality under Theatre, Basildon; Connaught Theatre, Worthing: which the dramatic emotions seeth all the more and Arts Theatre, Cambridge. John Perciva

★ LENS HALLE. The Halls Orchestra
is conducted by György Lehel in SaintSaens's Symphony No 3 (Ronald Frost,
organ), Kodaly's Hary Janes Susta and,
with Raiph Kirshbeum (cess) as solost,
Schumann's Concerto Op 129.
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Manchester (061 634 1712), 7.30pm, £2.25-£12.50. & CARISSIMP'S ROME: Under this title the Gabriel Consort perform motets, songs and madrigats by Carissimi, including a performance of his massimplece Jepths. Wiganore Half, 36 Wiganore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.20pm, £4-77.

FROM BAYARIA: The Hoist Singers are conducted by Hilary Davan Wetton in Elgar's *From the Bavarian Highlands* and Yaughan Williams's Mass in G

\$1 John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30pm, 24-26.

 ★ ALL BEETHOVEN: Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos conducts the LSO in Beethoven's Symphonies Nos 1 and 5, Plano Concent. No 2 (Seta Tanyel, soloist). Barblean Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 8891), 7.45-9.45pm, 24.50-220.

A FOUR HANDS IN E FLAT: The Ambache Champer Orchestra is conducted by Adrian Levine as Diana Ambache and Ian Brown solo in C P E Bach's E flat Concerto for Two Pianos and Mozart's Concerto in E flat for Two Pianos. In between comes Mozart's Serenade K 388.

Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 7.45pm, £5-

ROCK

* DIONNE WARWICK: A transcendental talent who, during a 30-year career has traversed the boundaries of career has traversed the boundaries of pop, gospel, jazz, R'n'B and blues with hits like "Anyone who had a Heart", "Walk on by", "Trains and Boats and Planes", "Do You Know the way to San Jose?" and many others.

London Pafladium, 8 Argyll Street, W1 (01-437 7373), 7.30pm, £15-£25, for two motits.

★ THE STRANGLERS: Reformed bete noires of the punk era, currently in the chart with their version of the old bubblegum lament "96 Tears", a No 1 hit in 1966.

Newport Centre, Kingsway, Gwent (0633 269676), 7.30pm, 29.

OPERA

Robinson and Philip Language in English National Opera's handsome and musical new Berkez production, now conducted by Lionel Friend.
Codecim, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.10pm, £3-£33. * SEATRICE AND BENEDICT: Ethna

☆ LA FORZA DEL DESTRIO:
Powerhaly sung new production for
Scottish Opera by Elijah Moshinsky is
conducted by John Mauceri with Verdi's
original Prefude and final scene.
Theetre Royal, Glasgow (041 331
1234),6.45-10.30pm, £3-225.50.

★ THE MERRY WIDOW: Opera 80's new travelling production by Wilfred Judd is conducted by Stephen Barlow with Heather Lonner in the title role. Northcott Theatre, Exeter (0392-54853) 7.30-10pm, £8-£12.

JAZZ

A ESERHARD WESER: Revered in ne quarters, the introvert of bass player gives a solo recital exploiting multi-tracking technology. Support from the Cottrane-inspired sexophonist, Ed Jones.

Band On The Wall, Swan Street, Manchester (061 832 6625), 8.30pm, 25. MARK MURPHY: Popular with a new generation of listeners, the relexed American singer continues his extended

Pizza On The Park, 11 Knightsbridge, London SW1 (01-235 5550), 9.15pm and 11.15pm, £10. Until March 3.

GALLERIES

BRITISH MODERNISM: Works by Henry Moore and his Hampstead circle in the 1930s when, for a brief moment, the European centre of avant-garde activity terred temporanty to London. Leeds City Art Gallery, The Headrow, (0532 462495). Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until Apr

HERE TO STAY: (see picture below) Transway, 25 Albert Drive, Glasgow (041 423 9527). Daily 10am-10pm, free, until



Sculptor David Mach, whose previous activities have included building a Greek temple from car tyres in Edinburgh, begins a new piece today at Tramway in Glasgow (see listing). Called Here To Stay, its precise form will become apparent only as construction advances. Like most of Mach's recent works it will be made from stacking up to 100 tons of unsold magazines and will be made in public, a practice intended to demystify the making of sculpture. Also like Mach's recent inspirations, it will be dismantled at the end of the show and the magazines

BERNARD SCHULTZE: Abstract paintings, watercolours and drawings by a German artist whose nervous forms hint at landscape and floral inspiration.

hint at language and in the hard water Also, paintings by Wolfgang Matteuer (1971-1988). Fischer Fine Art, 30 King Street, London SW1 (01-639 3942). Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-12.30pm, free, until Mar 23.

PETER LEE: Screenprints, also drypoint stohings by Anita Klein.
Tell House Gallery, 134 Southwark Street, London SET (01-401 2929). Mon-Fri Barn-8pm, free, until Apr 20. ARSHILE GORKY (1904-1948): A career survey of a key abstract painter in the development of American art. Whitschapel Art Gallery, Whitschapel High Street, London E1 (01-377 0107). Tues-Sun 11am-5pm, £3, until Mar25.

DANCE

★ SWAN LAKE Altynei Asylmuratova as guest with the Royal Ballet. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30pm, 21-

☆ COLLAGE: New work by Dutch choreographer Beppi Blankert with Vocem electronic singers. The Place, Dutes Road, London WC1 The Place, Dukes Road, Lo. (01-387 0031), 8pm, 26. (D) ☆ GISELLE: New production by Christopher Gable for Northern Ballet.

Grand Thestres, Blackpool (0253 28372), 7.30pm, met 2pm, 27-212 (mat half price).

☆ LA TRAVIATA: André Prokovsky's creation for London City Ballet. Festival Theatre, Chichester (0243 781312), 7.30pm, mat 2.30pm, 25.50

OTHER EVENTS

POETRY EVENT: John Heath-Stubbs chairs the evening which sees the leunch of Ketth Bosley's new translation of Luis de Camoes' (the first national, poet of Portugal) epic poem The Lusiads. A related exhibition accompanies the reading.

The Poetry Society, National Poetry Centre, 21 Earl's Court Square, London SW5 (01-373 7861). Reception 6.30pm, reading 7.30pm. Adult 24, student 23.56. PUTTING ON A NEW FACE: Half Term activity for children, organized by the Commonwealth Institute — Chinese Opera mask-making workshops under the direction of Yap Hi Chu.

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National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2252).

LAST CHANCE

POSADA - MESSENGER OF MORTALITY: Broadsides, filers and prints by Mexican extist Jose Guadalupe. South Bank touring exhibition, Ends Sat. Meed Gallery, Warwick University Arts Centre, Coventry.

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; PRos Geoff Brown; Coacerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Reck:
David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis;
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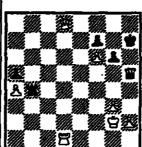
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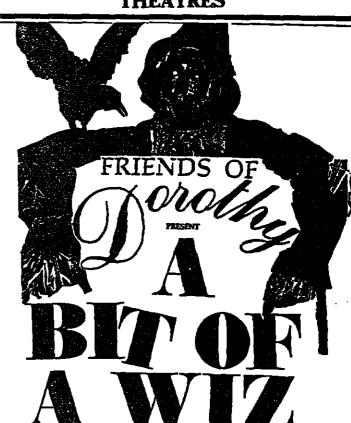
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Making the fur

TELEVISION CHOICE

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SWAN LANG AND SELECT OF THE SE With Harrods, of all places, closing its fur department, the fur coat could soon become a footnote to the history of become a roomoue to me history or women's fashion. The anti-fur lobby seems to be winning, to the extent that furriers are reluctant to appear on television for fear of reprisals. John Piuman's 40 Minutes film, Adventures in the Skin Trade (BBC2, 9.30pm), enter-Section in the section in the sectio tainingly charts the decline, while showing that the myth and the memory lingers on. Sandra Dorne, a film actress



Mary Henry: the 78-year-old widow in her musquash coat (BBC2, 9.30pm)

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of the Fifties, regrets the passing of the fur-trimmed premieres and her present attitude is equivocal: "I am for wildlife but I am also for glamour". And a 78year-old working-class widow from Typeside recalls her miner husband finally being able to redeem his promise to buy her a fur coat: "I didn't feel as if I'd been lifted up socially. But I did feel we'd achieved something". On the other side of the fence, the former model Baroness Thyssen stopped wearing fur 15 years ago after an appeal from the World Wildlife Fund and Kate O'Mara WELLS SATTLE STUDY OF refused to wear furs in the rich person's soap opera, Howard's Way. The muestion of which, and how many, members of the Royal family sport fur is tentatively posed and quickly dropped. And the second It would not do to encourage demos outside Buckingham Palace. Pitman points out that the anti-fur campaign has had little success outside Britain, where animals do not occupy the same place in the national consciousness. It has had no effect on one citizen of the United States. Asked to justify herself, Eartha Kitt replies disarmingly. "Fur keeps me warm, much more than a man. You guys come and go, the fur's always there" • Launching a series that will also take in the hamburger, the aspirin, answerphone and the condom, Small Objects of Desire (BBC2, 10.10pm) charts the curious history of the deodorant. Anyone who thought that rollons and squirt-ons were a phenomenon of the present century will be quickly disabused. The ancient Egyptians achieved a similar effect with a mixture of frankincense and porridge. But this imaginative little film concentrates on relatively recent attempts to banish natural smells and the way this has been presented by advertising, as the emphasis on social ostracism (remember the horrors of BO?) has given way to linking deodorants with sexual athleticism.

BBC 1

6.00 Coefax.
6.30 BBC Breakfast News with Nicholas Witchell and Chris Lowe. Includes regular news headlines, business reports, sports bulletins, regional news, weather and travel information, and a review of the morning newspapers by Paul Callan 8.55 Regional news and weather

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9.00 News and weather followed by
Open Air. Viewers comment on
yesterday's television. To
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9.20 Kiroy. Robert Kiroy-Sik chairs a
Studio discussion on a topical subject

10.00 News and weather followed by
Geller for Gold (r)

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10.25 Children's BBC, presented by Smon Parkin, begins with Playdays which visits Scotlandwell, Tayside (r) 10.50 Rooberh narrated by Richard Briers (r) 10.55 Five to Eleven. Geraldine McEwan with a

Eleven. Geraldine McEwan with a reading 11.00 News and weather followed by Open Air. With Earnonn Holmes, Jayne Irving and Roy Sheppard 12.00 News and weather followed by Daytime Live. Presented by Alan Titchmarsh and Judi Spiers. Includes another in the occasional We'll Meet Again series that brings absent friends and relatives together 12.55 Regional news and weather and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News with Michael

One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk, Weather Palerk, Weather Neighbours, Bronwyn and Henry are in for a shock when Aunt Edie arrives home unexpectedly. (Ceefax) 1.50 Going for Gold, Henry Kelly with another round of the European general knowledge quiz show 1.30 Ne

2.15 Film: The Picture Show Man (1977) starring Rod Taylor and John Meillon. Set in Australia during the 1920s, the story of Mr Pyrm, whose vocation as a travelling firm movie projectionist is threatened when a newcomer, an American, arrives on the scene. Based on Lyali

Penn's autobiography and directed by John Power 3.50 Charlie Challs. With the voices of Charle Chalk. With the voices of Michael Williams, John Wells and Barbara Leigh-Hunt (r) 4.05
Banamaman (r) 4.10 Jackanory.
Douglas Hodge with part four of Nina Bawden's The Finding 4.25
New Yogi Bear SHow 4.35 Dizzy Heights. Comedy series set in a seaside hotel. Starring Alan Heap and Mick Wall

and Mick Wain

4.55 Newsround S.05 Blue Peter.
Introduced by Diane Louise Jordan,
John Leslie and Yvette Fielding.
(Ceefax)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax)

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Andrew
Hervey and Jill Dando. Weather

6.30 Newsroom South East 6.30 Newsroom South East 7.00 Top of the Pops introduced by

Mark Goodier (simultaneous broadcast with Radio 1)
7.30 EastEnders. Chroy is sure that Wicksy is about to let the truth out; two new arrivals in the Square look like causing trouble; there is a sad discovery for Dot; and, as Departments to leave for Danny prepares to leave for Newcastle, will Michelle have a

last minute change of heart? (Ceefax)
Tomorrow's World. Peter Macann
reports from Japan on the latest reports from Sapar for the telest robot research, which includes robot guide dogs for the blind and the rent-a-robot tourist guide. With Judith Hann, Howard Stableford and

Kate Bellingham Brush Strokes. The start of a new series about decorator Jacko, who returns from his free-wheeling adventures abroad and finds he is in for a few unhealthy shocks from ex-fiancee, family and friends. Starring Karl Howman, Elizabeth Counsel and Jackie Lye. (Ceefas 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael

Buerk, Regional news and weather Ben Eiton — the Man from Auntie.

9.30 Ben Etton — the Man from Auritie.
The garrulous Ben Elton continues his stand-up, sit-down observations of life and the universe 10.00 Question Time. Peter Sissons is joined by Shelia McKechnie, director of Shelter; Dr Kim Howells, Labour MP for Pontypridd; David Willetts, director of studies at the Centre for Policy Studies; and the veteran politician Enoch Powell 11.00 Cagney and Lacey: Cry for Help. When Chris and Mary Beth receive a call from a woman who is unable to bear her husband's physical abuse any longer, problems arise when she tells them he is a policeman. Starring Sharon Gless and Tyne Daly (r)

Daly (r)

ITV/LONDON

5.00 TV-am begins with News and Good Morning Britain presented by Richard Keys and, from 7.00, by Mike Morris and Lorraine Kelly. Includes news at 6-30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 8.50 Wacaday with Timmy Mallett 9.25 The Pyramid Game. Outz show 9.55 Thames News and weather

10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Mike Scott chairs a topical discussion

10.40 This Morning. Magazine series
presented by Judy Finnigan and
Richard Madeley. Today's edition
includes items on family health.

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national and international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed by national weather 12.10 The Riddlers. For the young 12.30 Home and Away. There is a new arrival in the shape of Nigel Taggart, Morag's blind assistant; problems abound in Lonce and Martin's friendship; and Morag's housewarming causes a stir in Summer Bay

Summer Bay
1.00 News at One with John Suchet. Weather 1.20 Thames News and

weather

1.30 Wish You Were Here . . ?
includes Shaw Taylor cruising on the
Canberra (r). (Oracle) 2.00 A
Country Practice. Brendan brings a
girl suffering from polio to the
hospital after she is abandoned by
her mother

3.00 Win, Lose or Draw. Game show
presented by Danny Baker 3.25

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Thames News and weather 3.30
Sons and Daughters. Drama senal
4.00 Hot Dog 4.15 Dogtenian and the
Three Muskehounds. Animated

adventures (r)
4.40 Press Gang: At Last a Dragon. There are more than a few hiccups on the big night of the editor's cocktail party. But the question is, once career-minded Lynda has got over her nerves, and Spike has survived his meeting with Shelikh Nabeel Haffz, will their date be sealed with a kies? Starring, Italia. with a kiss? Starring Julia Sawalha and Dexter Fletcher.

(Oracle)
5.10 Blockbusters. Bob Holness hosts another round of the general knowledge quiz for teenagers 5.40 News with Fiona Armstrong.

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6.00 Home and Away (r)
6.25 Thames News and weather
6.50 Thames Help examines the
Community Charge Transitional
Relief Scheme. Presented by
Jackie Spreckley
7.00 Emmerdale. Alan Turner has an
accident and Frank Tate has a battle
on his hands when a secret from
the past threatens to return with a

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vengeance
7.30 Science Fiction: Little Green
Men? A series of dramatized stories
that are stranger than fiction.
Tonight, a true tale of discovery
behind some strange radio
signals from outer space
8.00 The Bill: Legacies. Tosh Lines
does his best to prevent Tina
Renskin a hurrder's daughter. Benskin, a burglar's daughter, falling into a life of crime despite

Burnside's warning that he is wasting his time. (Oracle)

8.30 This Week: The Truth About Aids. An examination of the evidence behind the Aids epidemic and a

bening the Aids epidemic and a lock at the politics of the television campaign about the disease 9.00 The Adventures of Sherlock Hotmes: The Final Problem. In this last episode of the series, Holmes is about to close the net he has woven round Professor Morlarty (A) (Process)

woven round Professor Moriarty
(r). (Oracle)

10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and
Julia Somerville. Weather 10.30
Thames News and weather

10.35 The City Programme tooks at the
future of the advertising industry

11.05 01- For London. A critical guide to the capital's entertainments scene.

11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Drama set in an Australian women's prison 12.30am A Problem Aired. Dr John 12.30mm A Problem Aired. Dr John
Cobb gives advice on a viewer's
personal and emotional problems
1.00 Superstars of Wrestling
2.00 News headlines followed by
Hollywood Wives. In the concluding
episode of this mini-series,
Hollywood society is shocked by the
news of Neil Gray's affair with
Gina Germaine, but more startling
revelations are in store from a
disturbed young man (r)

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4.00 News headlines followed by Three's Company. Comedy series
4.30 America's Top Ten (r)
5.00 ITN Morning News with Richard Bath. Ends at 6.00

BBC 2

6.45 Open University: Whose Account Counts? Ends at 7.10 8.00 News 6.15 Westminster 9.00 Ceefax 9.20 Daytime on Two: fuels for

generating electricity 9.40 Independence for the disabled 10.00 Aesthetics 10.20 Science challenge 10.40 Young chairings 19.40 Young technologists tackle a problem faced by Brunel 11.00 Working an arable farm 11.20 Science and sport 11.40 Tutorial topics 12.03 Working in an office 12.25 The Soviet Urion's disagreeating Ace! Soviet Union's disappearing Aral Sea 12-50 Science for the young 1.20 Fingermouse 1.40 Music

2.00 News and weather followed by an animated version of Prokoties's Peter and the Wolf 2.15 Antiques Readshow (r). (Ceelax)

3.00 News and weather followed by Westminster Live 3.50 News,

Westminster Live 3.50 News, regional news and weather
4.00 Great Railway Journeys of the World. Brian Thompson journeys across southern India on the 85 Down Madras Mail (r). (Ceefax) 5.00 It Doesn't Have To Hurtl (r). (Ceefax) 5.10 Horizon: The First 14 Days (r). (Ceefax)
6.00 Fitte: The Maggie (1954, b/w) starring Paul Douglas. Eating comedy about a Scottish skipper's attempts to save his small ship from the scrapyard by winning a

attempts to save his small ship from the scrapyard by winning a lucrative cargo. Directed by Alexander Mackendrick. (Ceefax)
7.30 Wideworld: Maungu Semburu. German-born Sylvia Jenkins, who lives with her Samburu husband and her 11-year-old child on the plains of northern Kenya, presents her view of tribal life
8.20 Notes in the Margin 1980-89: Citizens. In this last programme Will Hutton, editor of the European Busness Channel, looks at political

Business Channel, looks at political and aconomic citizenship

9.00 The Comic Strip Presents . . .
Oxford. A tale of sex, spies, scandal

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9.30 40 Minutes: Adventures in the Skin Trade. (Ceefax) (see Choice)

10.10 Small Objects of Desire: The Deodorant (see Choice)

10.30 Newsnight

11.15 The Late Show 11.55 Weather

12.00 Ceep University Weekand

12.00 Open University: Weekend Outlook 12.05am Development and Learning. Ends at 12.35

BBC1 WALES: 6.30pm-7.00 Water Today
11.00 International Squash 11.20 Cagney
and Lacey 12.10pm-12.15 News and weather
SCOTTLAND: 10.50pm-12.00 Dotaman 6.30pm7.00 Reporting Scotland 8.30-9.00 Focal Point
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and Lacey 12.20pm Weather MORTHERM
IRELAND: 5.35pm Sportswide 5.40-6.00 Inside
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Update 8.30-8.00 Spotlight ENGLAND 6.30pm-7.00
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5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Lookeround Thursday
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Top Ten 3.45 Sportswort 4.45-5.00 Jobfinder.

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SCOTTISH As London except: 1,20 pm-1,20 pm-1,20 cm | Scotland Today 5,10-5,40 Home

CHANNEL 4

8.00 The Channel Four Daily

9.25 Schools
12.00 The Parliament Programme, with
Sue Cameron
12.30 Business Daily presented by
Susannah Smons

1.00 Sesame Street
2.00 Film: Only Yesterday (1933, b/w)
starring Margaret Sullavan and John
Boles. Comemplating suicide
after losing everything in the Wall
Street crash, James Emerson

Street crash, James Emerson
unexpectedly meets the woman who
bore him a child several years
earter. Directed by John M. Stahl
4.00 Not on Sunday hears from vicars
who have to repress their
homosexual identity because of
the Church of England's ambiguous

5.00 Treasure Hunt in the East

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Midlands (r). (Oracle)
6.00 Neat and Tidy. A wmp-like motor
mechanic races across France on his
Harley Davidson with a Mafia
goddaughter, hotty pursued by two
hired hitmen (r)
6.30 Kate and Alie. The two singleparent divorcees pretend to be a
leshan couple in order to avoid a

parent divorces present to be a lesbian couple in order to avoid a two-family rent increase (r)
7.00 Channel Four News with Nicholas Owen and Zeinab Badawi
7.50 Channel Followed by Weather.
8.00 Brass. Tonight, while Bradley's empire is crashing, Hasketh is called to arms by the Spanish Civil War (r)

8.30 The Crystal Maze. Rocky Horror Show creator Richard O'Brien introduces this new-style adventure show, which includes challenges that are divided into four distinct sectors: futuristic, industrial, medieval and jungle

9.30 Film: The Dead (1987) starring
Angelica Huston and Donal McCanr Angelica Huston and Donal McCal John Huston's final film, adapted from a James Joyce short story, examines turn-of-the-century Dublin society, focusing on an Epiphany party given by two elderly sisters and their niece 11.00 Sumo. Japanese wrestling 11.35 Film: The Hive (1983). A crama set around a Madrid cafe in 1943 whose customers are those with

whose customers are those who refuse to conform to society's laws. Directed by Mario Carnus. In Spanish with English subtitles. Ends at 1.40am

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1.30 Knot's Landing 2.30 Secret Life of
Machines 3.00 "Live" at Three 4.00 Emmerdale 4.30
Onedin Line 8.30 Country Practice 6.00 The Angelus
6.01 Six-One 6.43 Gerda Patrol 7.00 Top of the
Pops 7.30 Nature of Things 8.00 Mariock 9.00 News
9.30 Today Tonight 10.10 Six 11.10 Monsters 11.35
News, Close.

NETWORK 2 Starte: 2-30pen Bosco 3.05
Pat's Pets 4.30 Happy Birthday 4.45 Wonderstruck
2.25 Dick Turpin 6.00 Jo-Maxi 6.30 Home and Away
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8.30 Marketplace 9.00 Kate and Akie 9.30 Street Legal
10.30 News 10.50 Nighthawks 11.30 Ever Decreasing

VARIATIONS

SKY ONE

5.00cm International Business Report
5.30 European Business Channel 6.00 DJ
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New Price Is Right 10.30 The Young
Doctors 11.00 Sky By Day 12.00
Another World 1.00pm As The World Turns
2.00 Loving 2.30 A Problem Shared
3.00 Here's Lucy 3.30 Dennis 3.45 Captain
Cavernan 4.00 The Adventures of
Gulfiver 4.25 Motor Mouse 4.30 The New
Lense It To Beaver 5.00 Sky Star Search Leave It To Beaver 5.00 Sky Star Search
6.00 The New Price Is Right 6.30 Sale of
the Century 7.00 Beyond 2000 8.00
Moonlighting 9.00 Wiseguy 10.00 James
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11.30 Voyagars

SKY NEWS

5.00am International Business Report
5.36 European Business Channel 6.00
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Frank Bough 11.30 International Business
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Parliament Live 3.15 PM's Question Time
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From **6.00am** The Shopping Channel **2.00pm Taking Care of Tentile:** A young girl meets a trio of eccentric

3.00 Rookie of the Year: A tomboy wins a place on an all-boy baseball team 4.00 Yog's Great Escape: Animated

film
6.00 The Amazing Howard Hughes —
Part Two (1977): Starring Tommy Lee Jones
as the reclusive millionaire
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 The Long Journey Home (1987): A
husband returns home from the Vietnam

War

9.40 Projector: Movies on Sky
10.00 Deadly Intentiona: A man plots to
dispose of his wife
11.45 Sugar Hill (1974): A deal is struck
with Baron Samedi when the Mafia murder
Sugar Hill's fiancé
1.15mm The Fly (1986): A scientist's
experiment with a matter-transporter goes
terribly wrong. Starring Jeff Goldblum
4.00 Power (1986): Richard Gere as a
media manipulator who grows to detest his
work. Ends at 5.50mm

EUROSPORT

5.00am As Sky One 8.30 Menu 9.00
Football 11.00 Commonwealth Cycling
Classic from Australia 12.00 Stutigart
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Hedges Masters 5.00 World Cup Nordic
Skiing 6.00 Mobil 1 Motor Sport News 6.30
Trax 7.00 European Basketball 10.00
Ford Snow Report 10.02 Tennis: Indoor

6.00am Kristiane Backer 11.00
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Club MTV 8.00 The Big Picture 8.30
Headbangers Ball 10.00 Coca-Cola Report 10.15 Malken Wexo 1.00am Videos

SCREENSPORT

7.00am Powersports 8.00 World Rally Championships 9.00 1990 Martini Fencing Championships 10.00 Golf 12.00 1989 Ultimate Yacht Race 12.45pm Ski Jumping 2.15 Spain Spain Spain Sport 2.30 French Rugby League 4.00 Spanish Soccer 6.00 Rugby League 7.30 1989 Argentinian Football 9.15 Pro Bowlers 10.30 US Reskethall 19.00 US Posterial 19.00 **12.00** US Pro Ski Tour 12.30am Sport en France

LIFFSTYLE

10.00am Jake's Fitness Minute 10.01 Search for Tomorrow 10.30 Slim Cooking 10.35 Spain Spain Holiday 11.00 Coffee Break 11.10 Edge of Night 11.35 Great American Gameshows 12.50pm Style File 12.55 Sally Jessy Raphael 1.50 The Rich Also Cry 2.40 Search for Tomorrow 3.05 Tea Break 3.10 Cinema 4.45 Great American Gameshows

programmes is available in the weekly magazine, TV Guide.

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW News on the half-hour from 5.30am until 4.30pm, then at 7.30, 2.30 and 10.00pm 5.00am Jakki Brambles 6.30 5.00em Jakki Brambles 6.30 Simon Mayo 9.30 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary's Winter Warmers from St Albains 3.0 Steve Wright in the Afternoon 5.30 News '90 6.90 Mark Goodier 7.00 Top of the Pops (with BBC1) 7.30 Phillip Schoriek 8.30 John Peel 10.00 Bob Harris 12.00-2.00am

RADIO 2

FM Stereo and new News on the hour. Headlines 5.30cm, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 4.00cm Alex Lester 5.30 Chris Stuart 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05cm David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Humiford 3.30 Adrian Gloria Humitior 3-329 Acman
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Round Midnight 1-00am Nightride
3-00-4-00 A Little Night Music

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RADIO 3

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7.00 Morning Concert: Boyce
(Symphony No 4 in F:
English Concert under
Trevor Pinnock); Prokofiev
(Symphonic Suffe from
Lieutenant Kife: London
Philharmonic Orchestra
under Klaus Tennstedt)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont):
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Hippolytie et Aricie: La Petiti

Rameau (Dences from Hippolyte et Aricie: La Petite Bande under Sigiswald Kuijken); Mozart (Concerto in F. K 413 – version for piano and string quartet: Quatuor Muir, with Jean-Philippe Collard piano); Saint-Saëns (Septet in E fat, Op 65: Trìo à Cordes Français, with Meurice André, trumpet, Michel Béroff, piano, Alain Mogila, violin, Jacques Cazauran, double-bass) D News

Stattgart Piano Trio performs Mendelaschin (Piano Trio in C minor, Op 86); Dvořák (Piano Trio, Op 90 "Durnky") (r)

11.20 Concert from Leeds: BBC

1.00pm News 1.05 Bristol Lunchtime Concert The fourth of six Bristol, James Dower, Inde, John Lenehan, piano, pertorm Relnecke (Plute Sonata, Op 167 "Undine"); Debussy, arr Karl Lenski (Bilitis); François Borne, arr R. Wilson (Carmen Fantasy)

vioen, Jacques Cazan as, double-bass)

8.30 News

8.35 Composers of the Week: Scandinavian Season. Grieg (Old Norwegian Melody with Variations, Op 51: Gothenburg Symphomy Orchestra under Neems Jänit; violin Sonata No 2 in G, Op 13: Arve Tellefsen, violin, Eva Knardahl, plano; Four Lyric Plees, Op 71 – Once upon a Time; Puck; Gone; Remembrances: Emil Gilets, plano)

9.35 Tippett's First Symphomy performed by the London Symphomy Orchestra under Colin Davis

10.15 Mendelssohn and Dvořák: Stuttgart Pjano Trio

Philharmonic Orchestra under Alexander Rahbari. led by Dennis Simons, with Claude Frank, plano, performs Dvorák (Overture, Carnival); Beethoven (Plano Concerto No 1 in C); Strauss (Symphonic poem, Also sprach Zarethustra), Incl 12.15pm Interval Reading. From Leads Town Hall

programmes live from St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristot, James Dower, flute,

2.00 Zoroastre: Opera in five acts, with music by Rameau and libretto by Louis de Calrusac. Performed by La Petite Bande under Sigiswald Kuliken; Collegium Vocale of Ghent, with John Elwes, tenor, Gregory Reinhart, bass, Meke van der Sluis, soprano, Jacques Bona, bass, Philippe Cantor, bartone, Greta de Reyghera, soprano, Agnés Mekon, soprano, Michel Verschaeve, bartone, François Fauché, bass. (1756 version: sung in French)

French)
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure:
Presented by Valentine
Cunningham 7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: Scandinavian
Season. Michael Hall in
conversation with the
Norweglan composer Ame
Nordhelm
2.00 EPG Symboots Contactor

Nordhelm
7,30 BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis performs Grieg (Peer Gynt Suite No 1): Sleekus (Symphony No 7) 8.15 Out of Denmark. Jane Slavin reads from Letter from Africa by lask Oinesan, the real name of Danish author Karen Bibten who wrote Out of Africa 9.35 Nielsen (Symphony No 4). Live from St David's Half, Cardiff, as part of Radio 3's

part of Radio 3's Scandinavian Season 9.20 Your Sister in Exile: Compiled by Pauline Spender from the letters and journals of Camilie. beautiful and talented sculptress, she was destined to spend her last years in an asylum, despite being the sister of Paul Claudel and student and lover of Auguste Rodin. With Harriet Walter as Camille, John Moffatt as Paul Claudel and Denis Lilles Rodin (r)

9.50 Music in Our Time: Music from the ISCM/Gaudeamus

from the ISCM/Geudeamus New Music Week held in Amsterdam last September is introduced by Justin Connelly, Ian Wilcock (For the Republic; John Kenny, baritone); Saariaho (Nymphea: Arditti Quartet); Alejandro Iglesias Rossi (Salamanca: Bela Santa, cello); Jonathan Harvey (Timepieces: Dutch Radio PO under Gunther Schuller) 11.00 Composers of the Week: Shostakovich — Propagandist! Ceremonial March; Battle on the Volga; Symphony No 12, 1917 (r)

12.00 News 12.05am Close

RADIO 4

LW (s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00
News Briefing; Weather
6.10 Farming Today 6.25
Prayer for the Day (s) 6.30
Today, with Brian Redhead
and Sue MacGregor, Incl
6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00,
8.30 News 6.53, 7.25,
Weather 8.35 Yesterday in
Parliament 8.57 Weather
9.00 News

9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts with John Waite (r)
9.30 All in the Mind: Professor
Anthony Clare with the
magazine devoted to
matters of the mind. Last in

matters of the mind. Last in the present series

10.00 News; The Natural History Programme: Fergus Keeling and Llonei Kelleway present this week's programme from North Wales

10.45 An Act Of Worship (s)

11.00 News; Citizens

11.25 In Exile: Jonathan Steinberg talks to four expatriates who have settled in Britain. Part 2: Dr Cesar Mistein, Argentinian Nobel Prizewinner, considers whether his scientific achievements

his scientific achievements owe more to his native

owe more to his native
Argentina or to his adopted
home in Cambridge
11.50 First Person: Series of talks
by first-time broadcasters.
Adeola Solanke talks about
her first visit to Nigerla in
search of her roots
12.00 News; Your and Yours with
John Howard
12.25pm Smiley's People: Sevenpart dramatization of John
La Carré's novei. With
Bernard Hepton (2) (s) (r)
12.65 Weather
1.40 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55

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2.00 News; Woman's Hour:
Presented by Jenni Murrey.
An interview with Genista McIntosh, associate director of the Royal Shakespeare of the Hoyal Shakespeara Company; a discussion on the emobonal and sexual abuse against women by men in positions of authority; and an item on mini-double bass players, designed with children in mind blasses. Still life Peloting.

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3.00 News; Still Life Painting:
Play by Stephen Mallatratt.
To paint a tribute to her late husband, Jean (Elleen O'Brien) returns to the clittop studio. However, she sees something reflected in the protect. the window . . . (s)

4.00 News
4.05 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde discusses the editor-author relationship with publishing directors Liz Caider, Andrew Franklin and Mark Barty-King; and examines the work of the copy-editor
4.35 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast
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6.30 Film Star: In the third of eight programmes, Alexander Walker profiles James Dean (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Soundtrack: Turning the Seasons (s) (see Choice) 8.00 Analysis: Dollars, Debts and Dependence. Roland Dallas asks if the United States, as the world's largest debtor nation, can maintain its economic predominance as Japanese and German economic influence continues to grow

economic influence continues to grow

8.45 Does He Take Sugar? Kati Whitaker with the magazine for people with disabilities

9.15 Kaleidoscope: Brian Sibley reviews Barry Paris's book Louise Brooks; extracts from the readings of poets Grace Nichols and E.A. Markham at the Volce Box on the South Bank; a feature on comics and graphic novels; and an interview with Michael

interview with Michael Nyman, the man behind the music in Peter Greenaway's

music in Peter Greenaway's
films (s)

9.45 The Financial World Tonight
9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book At Bedtime: Sick
Heart River, by John
Buchan (4 of 10)

11.00 The Blackburn Files: Part 3:
A Case of Brotherly Love.
Five-part amateur delective
spool by Isn McMillan,
Martin Wiley and Dave
Shessby, Starring Fine-Time
Fontayne as Stephen
J. Blackburn (s)

11.30 Today in Parliament
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(RADIO CHOICE)

Peter Davalle

 Soundtrack (Radio 4 7.20pm), the you-are-there se ries, is, by its very nature, a hit and miss affair. You can't expect studio quality when the microphone is prowling about or eavesdropping, and a sound engineer would be sent off with a flea in his ear if he asked someone to "speak clearly, please, or the listener

Stonehenge: often the focus of conflicting values (R4, 7.20pm) than once rolled my eyes around with frustration because key words in Soundtrack have been lost. Turning the Seasons, this week's 40 minutes' worth of actuality, is only sporadically incomprehensible. In Tim Malyon's report on last year's autumn equinox celebrations at Stonehenge, I distinctly heard one pilgrim tell a police officer that God would strike her down if she wasn't allowed to touch the stones, and another explain how he had spent 24

dweller quoting the RAF motto she had appropriated.

won't like it." But I have more



hours behind bars for reading out those bits of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights he had picked out with a yellow marker pencil. Also coming over loud and clear was a roaring of human lions, a fiddle playing the Skye Boat Song, and a double-decker bus

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Belgrade imposes Kosovo curfew

From Richard Bassett and Dessa Trevisan

The sting of tear gas hung over Pristina, the capital of Yugo-slavia's troubled Kosovo province, last night as the authorities imposed a night curfew throughout the region after a bomb exploded in the town of Pec, injuring several people.

The curfew came in the wake of the Yugoslav State Presidency's decision on Tuesday to give the Yugoslav Army a more important role in the province, where 33 people have been killed in the past month.

Demonstrations reached a peak earlier on Tuesday when the minority Serbs in Kosovo threatened to bring in armed volunteers to protect them against Albanian demonstrators. It was this that provoked the State Presidency to bring in the Army to prevent a feared escalation of the ethnic conflict into inter-communal

Forest fires were reported near Titova Mitrovica, and Belgrade television suggested that these had been deliberately started by Albanians demanding that emergency measures introduced by the federal Government a year

Photograph .. ago be lifted and that special

police units which have since controlled the region be

withdrawn. Pristina was tense yesterday as paramilitary police continued to patrol the city centre. Tear gas fired in a nearby suburb sealed off by security forces drove nearly everyone off the streets.

Most young Albanians in the city said that the new role for the Yugosiva Army would not change things. "It is the same for us whether it is police or Army," a young Albanian member of the Democratic League of Kosovo said.

Yesterday morning more than 30,000 ethnic Albanians attended the funeral in Titova Mitrovica of Selman Vojvoda, a student aged 22, who was killed late on Tuesday night by the police. According to the Albanians, he was yet another victim of police brutality. The Albanians claim that many of their number have been shot in cold blood.

The Pec bomb exploded at the central post office opposite the main hotel. By last night, no one had claimed responsibility for the attack.

A recent colonization cam paign, orchestrated by Serbia in an attempt to bolster the confidence of the 200,000 Serbs living in Kosovo, has angered the province's two million ethnic Albanians, who cannot see why they are denied the right to run their

Court deaf to noise campaigners



By Harvey Elliott and Michael Binyon in Brussels

Thousands of people who live near airports learned yesterday that there is nothing the law can do to prevent them suffering noise and pollution from the aircraft taking off and landing over their heads.

The European Court of Haman Rights rejected a claim by two families who live near Heathrow airport that their rights to privacy had been violated. The decision effectively ends a 10-year fight by environmental pressure groups for compensation and further curbs on airport operations.

The ruling is important because it is the first time the court has considered

won, the door would have been opened to thousands of similar suits from people living near airports anywhere within the 23 countries covered by the

Mr John Powell, of Esher, Surrey, claimed his house ky under a flight departure route which fell within a

Noise and Number Index considered to be a low noise-annoyance rating. The route was used for four months each year. About half a million other people lived within this contour area. The other claimant, Mr Michael Rayner, farms land just over a mile

from the airport, in direct line with the

porthern runway. His land is fre-

quently flown over, and noise levels are at the maximum permitted. About 6.500 other people near Heathrow are also exposed to as great, or greater,

The claimants' case was first taken to Strasbourg 10 years ago by the Federation of Heathrow Anti-Noise Group (FHANG). The court agreed to er the question of invasion of privacy. However, it said that since then the 1982 Civil Aviation Act had haid down stricter measures to limit ented at Heathrow in conaltation with those living nearby.

The court said noise could be abated aircraft followed all the rules, although it admitted that there would still be violations by some planes. The

claimants conceded that a big airport was economically essential to the country and the impact on the environment could not be entirely ninated. The court said, in essence that those living near an airport would have to suffer the consequences.

Mrs Evelyn Atlee, chairman of FHANG, which has funded Mr Rayner's fight for the last 10 years, said last night: "This is not a happy day. It seems to me that the judges rision is absurd and we are all terribly upset.

"Those who plan to build a fifth terminal at Heathrow are now going to have a field-day because they will regard this decision as the European court giving them the go-ahead" she

A shocking Nellist security scandal

Political sketch

Mr Tony Banks (Lab. New-ham NW): The hon Gentleman (Terry Dicks, C, Hayes & Harlington) is living proof that a pig's bladder on a stick can be elected as an MP. Several Hon Members

Mr Speaker: "Order. I know. But although the hon Gentleman's comments may not be very pleasant, they are not unparliamentary." That was very late on

Tuesday. So few were sur-prised, yesterday, when Mr Speaker let Dave Nellist (Lab, Coventry SE) - explain that poll-tax in Coventry would cost his family £189 extra - add: "They're taking my bairns' holiday off them to pay their bloody poll-tax." Junior Minister Chris Chope shot straight back. The House should congratulate Mr Nellist as he has registered for the standard community charge at his second home in Wandsworth, thereby ensuring that his community charge is about the lowest in the

COMMITY. Immediately, poor Speaker was hit by two barrages of protest: one (shocked at Nellist's language) from his right; the other (from his left) an assortment of yells like "How d'you know where he lives?" and

"Securitate!"
FCO Minister William Waldgrave had sailed into the chuff" Adley (C, Christ-Chamber with a Statement church), worried about antiabout EC Sanctions against South Africa. He almost sunk in the storm now raging. As Mr Speaker begged, then bawled for order, Labour's protesting Environment Shadow, Brian Gould, pro-

tested too much. Particularly in light of what happened next. Waldegrave's Statement (which could have been tricky for the Tories) passed in a trice as no-one was listening - all waiting to raise the Nellist Security Scandal in "points of order afterwards.

Gould rose and recited a list of questions - all variations of "How did the Minister know?". Except one. The jewel in his crown. What were the "security implications" of revealing that an MP lived in Wandsworth? The hush of outrage fell upon Labour.

It was broken by a wave of merriment from the Tories.

Which particular terrorist cell was targeting Nellist, the hard-left bruiser whose most famous remark is "a militant is only a moderate who has got off his knees"?

Environment Secretary Chris Patten answered Gould Anyone, he said, could find that Nellist had registered in Wandsworth as he had chosen not to remove his name from the register. As for how ministers knew it was his second home - well, Nellist said his main home was in Coventry "where I understand his name appears - whether or not with security advice - in the telephone directory."

With this the centrepiece of the day's session, the rest of the afternoon danced before us, a patchwork of dissociated images.
Ministers announced new

help for the young homeless, sleeping rough — an "inter-national problem" said junior minister Michael Spicer which I have seen seriously deployed on the streets of Copenhagen" (Labour cries of "Ow big's your 'Ouse?")

There was Sports Minister ColinMoynihan - with no Questions on Sport, looking sad. Perhaps Mrs Thatcher had sent him in with a note: "Can Colin be excused Games today, please, as he has a cold?

There was Robert "chuffsmoke laws and his beloved steam trains, begging ministers to "lift that dire threat from the hearts and minds of hundreds of thousands of people."

There was Mr Speaker's ruling on "bloody": "I believe he used a word which is apparently in common use today but which I would prefer not to hear in the Chamber."

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Shares fall

There was Malcom Bruce unveiling for fellow-Liberal-Democrats the Big Idea they have so long lacked: concern about the breeding of "patented, genetically modified' mice.

...There was - but we are at an end. Just time to mention Labour's Mark Fisher, anxious about "a huge hole, a few hundred yards from the citycentre of Stoke-on-Trent." Damn. Missed.

Matthew Parris

Poles call for talks Continued from page 1

that discussion between the two German states would also consider the security of neighbouring states, is being interpreted in Warsaw as a partial invitation to the talks.

Mr Mazowiecki said his demands were not prompted by any grievances against the Germans, but by the need to avoid a legal vacuum. The treaties recognizing the Oder-

Germany. Poland is worried that the newly unified Ger-many will declare these treaties not binding.

"We can't ignore the emergence of the Republican Party in West Germany, nor the nationalistic demonstrations in Leipzig - these are warning signals for us," he said.

Poland did not want the future Germany to be neutral, Mr Mazowiecki, "since that Neisse line as the western could create a climate similar frontier of Poland were signed to that after the First World

Continued from page 1

them in war and then we tried them at Nuremberg," said Mr Heath after the last of the top of the Conservative establish- approach to German unity. ment had left.

flawed because it was unfair, Mr Heath said it would be very difficult to turn the economy round before the next general election, "Perhaps, they will explain in the Budget how they are going to the top table, though tactfully the European Community was right it in time." Earlier it was all smiles as Mrs Thatcher the organizers ensured that the only centre of stability all smiles as Mrs Thatcher the changes in the East.

arrived for the tribute, unview Mr Heath had con- other side. demmed her "shuffle, shuffle"

She was one of the last guests to arrive for the event, Dismissing the poll tax as hosted by another former Conservative leader, Lord Home, and greeted Mr Heath with a cool: "Hello Ted, how are you?"

The Prime Minister was on

and Carrington with Mr aware that in an ITN inter- Heath sitting on Lord Home's

> A series of largely lighthearted speeches were delivered by Lord Home, Lord Prior, Sir Robin Day and finally Mr Heath. MP for Old Bexley and Sidcup, who talked about appointing Mrs Thatcher to his Cabinet, welcomed her presence at lunch, and then reminded his guests that

Patten warns on spending

which it says were too high. Mr Patten told the Commons that the sort of spending increases being referred to by some councils would have

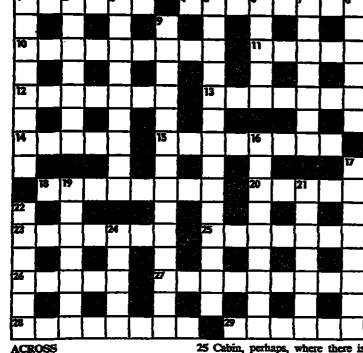
domestic rates. "There is no conceivable

meant a 35 per cent increase in

Continued from page 1 size," he said. Mr Bryan based on a 3.8 per cent Gould, the shadow environincrease in last year's budgets ment secretary, said there was overwhelming evidence that the Government's projections on community charge bills "complete and utter fiction",

It would be better to withdraw the figures rather than make vague threats about argument for increases of that charge-capping, he said.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,224



1 Artist's strength originally lies in

4 One who declares he will not swear (8). 10 Scoop water out of the sea for American bird (9).

11 Member in old car has collision

12 Form or title in verse (7). 13 Rebel down under ends with a flourish (7).

14 Information one uses would provide longer spell for these djinns (5).

15 Editor has embarrassed Thespian (8). 18 Instruction from the Guardian's

20 Suggest I am to travel regularly (5).

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25 Cabin, perhaps, where there is space to move about (3-4).

Guildhail porter's comic turn reected (5). 27 Become exhausted in hurry to visit daughter (3,2,4).
28 What Hamlet's players were not to do to the King of Judaca (3-

29 US student teacher to detain in the country (6).

DOWN 1 Explorer had time for coastal

trading (8).

2 Sort of speculator one finds running expensive bars (7). 3 A form of painting, but not a movement (5,4).

5 Oil and vinegar Continentals are putting on their soup and fish, perhaps (6,8). 6 Fix up motorway foundation

Does it help some men to forget? Yes and no (7). Good-for-nothing sailor from E Indies switches sides (6). Surgeon (RN) abroad turns into homely philanthropist (6,8).

16 The native quarter of Worcester or Derby? (9).17 He follows blindly and, gosh, runs over a fielder! (8).

19 Out of bed, stretched, but unable to open up (?). 21 Charge for peg or tee almost smashed (7).

22 About the right reading desk for a word game (6). 24 Bird dog with black head (5).

WORD-WATCHING A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct? ABROAD

NICTITATION a. Ambivalent besitancy b. Winking c. Autumn pruning IYYAR a. A Jewish month b. To grind corn c. A Brazilian stork PADMA

By Philip Howard

2. Fried rice b. The lotus c. A reverse enigma TENAILLE c. A grip at wrestling

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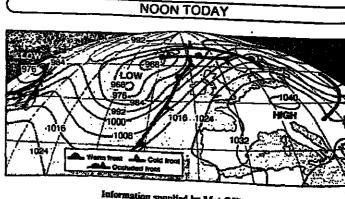
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Queens Moat Houses has bought 5.3 million shares in Norfolk Capital, giving it 9.33

per cent. The purchase comes just three working days before

Queens Moat's all-paper bid

Because the £170 million bid is all paper, Moat can only buy up to 9.9 per cent of Norfolk's shares. Moat paid

up to 41p for its shares, just

below the maximum that Moat's recently rather weak

The pound's trade-weighted

index rose by 0.2 to 90.2,

climbing above the 90.1 level,

STOCK MARKETS

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 15% 3-month Interbank 15%-151 e% 3-month eligible bills:149 te-14½% US: Prime Rate 10%

CURRENCIES

GOLD

London Fixing: AM \$420.60 pm-\$420.00 close \$419.75-420.25 (£244.75-245.25)

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Apr.) \$19.50 bbl (\$19.55)
* Denotes latest trading price

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THURSDAY FEBRUARY 22 1990

Executive Editor Pressure on County to raise Arrow offer **David Brewerton** THE POUND

By Martin Waller **US** dollar County NatWest, the investment banking arm of National West-1.7135 (+0.0090) minster Bank, is under pressure W German mark 2.8586 (+0.0019) from institutional investors to improve the terms of its plan to compensate Blue Arrow share-Exchange index 90.2 (+0.2)

> County, which advised Blue Arrow in its ill-fated £837 million rights issue, has offered to pay up to

30p per share to certain investors caught up in the aftermath. The National Association of

Pension Funds yesterday wrote to said the investors had welcomed this offer "but reserved our poscompensation offer.

The NAPF wants to discuss the 30p per share maximum set on the scheme and the qualifying time period fixed by County. At the opening of the NAPF's annual conference in Eastbourne, it was clear that the organization is not yet inclined to allow County off the hook despite its unilateral offer.

Mr Donald Brydon, chairman of the NAPF investment committee,

ition wholly with respect to the precise terms of the offer.

"It may be that many investors will wish to await the result of such discussions before concluding their arrangements with County," he

It also emerged at Eastbourne that UBS Phillips & Drew, the broker at the centre of the Blue Arrow affair, offered to meet 40 per

But an early solution to the controversy was blocked by County NatWest, which stood out for a 50-50 split of the compensation, he added.

Mr Brydon has been leading a small team put together by the institutional investors aimed at reaching compensation terms for sharebolders who suffered as a

result of the Blue Arrow rights. He confirmed that UBS Phillips

to aggrieved shareholders, Mr & Drew had agreed earlier this to the negotiating table. "It remains week, after heavy pressure from the true that it takes two to agree, and investors, to re-enter compensa-

> "I am pleased to announce that they have now indicated their full willingness to enter into serious discussions with the representatives of the co-ordinating committee with a view to a commercial resolution of the matter," said Mr

He praised the broker's "difficult and courageous decision" to return

the major disappointment at this time is that, in their clients' interest, County and UBS Phillips & Drew have been unable to agree their respective contribution," he

"We will enter discussions with UBS Phillips & Drew in the expectations of reaching agreement, and still in the hope that before the process is complete both parties will join together to settle the matter."

cent of the total compensation due Lloyds Bank Moat has 9% stake lifts mortgage rate to 15.7%

rivals by raising its mort-gage rate to 15.7 per cent.

share price has allowed it too. Tempus, page 26 The increase, the biggest so far in the latest round of interest rate hikes, will add hundreds of pounds monthly to the cost of borrowing and fuel fears of even higher increases to come.

last recorded when Mr Nigel Lawson resigned as Chan-cellor on October 26. At the same time, the Alliance & Leicester and National & Provincial - Britain's fourth and sixth largest building societies respectively -both increased their rates by Shares fell 17.3 points to 2,259.7 after being 31 points 0.9 of a point to 15.4 per cent

— the level established as a down following the heavy falls in Tokyo. Wall Street was also benchmark by Abbey Nathit, falling 30 points but later recovering. Markets, page 32 ional last week.

Lloyds claimed the move brings it into line with the Abbey, but the rise will leave its borrowers facing the highest bills announced so far. Abbey National borrowers will pay an average of £288.75 __ 2862-27 (-118.63) a month on a typical £30,000 CBS Tendency 12 106.3 (-1.1) Sydney: AO 1624.2 (-6.2) Frankfurt: DAX 1807.19 (-16.62)

endowment mortgage. But Lloyds mortgage holders face a bill of £294.38 on the same amount, once the increase comes through on

London:
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FT. Gold Mines 310.5 (+3.5)
FT. Fixed Interest ... 90.40 (-0.35)
FT. Fixed Interest ... 90.40 (-0.35)
Lloyds and Abbey were now personal banking, said both Lloyds and Abbey were now "in line" with an annual percentage rate of 16.9 per cent on their mortgages.

He said the use of different methods to calculate interest payments made the difference in true rates appear higher.

On loans of more than £40,000, the difference is more marked. The Abbey National APR drops to 16.1 per cent on loans over that amount. To take some of the sting

ranks with its high street will continue to offer a 2 per cent discount to first-time pension policy. Existing a spokesman said.

Lloyds Bank mortgage borrowers are due a 0.5 per cent loyalty discount when taking out a new mortgage. Barclays Bank, meanwhile, has said it will hold its mortgage rate at its current

level until at least May 1, as long as there is no general increase in the level of interest Mr Seymour Fortescue, director, UK personal sector,

said: "We are determined to hold our mortgage rate down for as long as possible because we are mindful of the effect an increase will have on our 260,000 mortgage customers." Barclays charges interest of 14.75 (APR 15.6 per cent) on

its home mortgage. It also offers a two-year fixed rate plan at 13.4 per cent.

The Halifax, Britain's largest society, is due to make an



Thompson-McCansland: 'We recognize news is bad'

Lloyds Bank has broken out of the latest hike, Lloyds gage rate increase today or tomorrow.

> "We are considering the buyers who link their plan to a position, and expect to make Black Horse endowment or an announcement this week," The Woolwich, the third

largest society, is due to make an announcement tomorrow. Yesterday's move by the Alliance & Leicester and National & Provincial brought them into line with the Leeds Permanent, which raised mortgage rates to 15.4 per cent on Tuesday.

The typical APR on an endowment mortgage is now 16.7 per cent, rising to 16.9 per cent for repayment mortgages. Mr Peter Grant, managing director of the Alliance & Leicester, said: "The increase is in line with general trends in

the industry. However, we are

aware that higher rates could cause difficulties for some homeowners "We are sympathetic to this, and if any of our cus-tomers are in that situation, we would urge them to talk to us sooner rather than later."

At N&P, Mr Ben Thompson-McCausland, group man-aging director, said: "We recognize that this latest increase is further bad news for homebuyers.

"However, 90 per cent of our borrowers are on annual review and their payments will not be affected until January, 1991." The society is launching a

new mortgage on Monday, fixing the rate at 13.85 per cent for three years. Meanwhile, it has urged customers who an-ticipate problems in coping with increased payments to get in touch with their local branches as soon as possible.

Administrators appointed at troubled retailer



Confident the concept will survive: Sophie Mirman, Sock Shop's founder, and Peter DuBuisson of Binder Hamlyn yesterday

New men move in at Sock Shop By Matthew Bond

Mr Peter DuBuisson and Mr Phillip Sykes of BDO Binder Hamlyn, the account-ant, were appointed by Mr Justice Warner. Commenting on their task, he said: "I hope it comes off."

The administrators first step was to request that shares in Sock Shop remain suspended. In a brief statement to the Stock Exchange yesterday evening the administrators requested that the suspension continue "until the company's

A High Court judge yesterday clarified." It is thought to have our own and if the court what form the company might approved the appointment of debts of £16 million, lent by makes the appointment Rich, be saved, administrators at Sock Shop, Barck, which sup- and I look forward to But a written submission to appointment. The current downturn in retail sales means the 108-strong chain of shops can longer service this debt.

Miss Sophie Mirman, the Sock Shop chairman who founded the firm with Mr Richard Ross, her husband, was meeting with the company's lawyers after the appointment yesterday afternoon.

But before the morning court hearing she said: "Peter DuBuisson and his team have considerable experience in

reaching a satisfactory

"I am confident that the Sock Shop concept will survive. We have an exciting new series of products for the 1990s and enjoy strong consumer support.

judge feels the company can be made viable again by a restructuring exercise.

administrators were unwilling

Barclays had first asked BDO Binder Hamlyn to look at Sock Shop's financial position on December 14 last year. Shortly after that the com-

court revealed

pany announced plans to close its 17 stores in the United States, and earlier this month Administrators are only appointed to a company if the £2.9 million plus a £4.8 million write-off following the American closures.

A projected balance sheet Yesterday the Sock Shop for the current fiancial year continue "until the company's considerable experience in administrators were unwilling shows negative net assets, say financial position has been dealing with situations such as to speculate on how and in the administrators.

Growth rate eases Courtaulds unveils

strongly than expected in the final quarter of last year, suggesting Britain will probably escape a recession this year, despite the prospect of interest rates staying high.

3-month Treasury Bills 7.76-7.75%' 30-year bonds 98*2-98*16* £: 51.7135 £: DM2.8586 £: SwFr2.5283 £: FFr9.7001 £: Yen249.06 £: Index:90.2 £: Index:90.2 £: ECU 20.715279 £: ECU 1.398056 £: SDR 1.284971

The Autumn Statement forecast 1989 growth of 2 per cent on the average measure of GDP, slowing to 1.25 per cent this year. The CSO figures showed that against the final quarter of 1988, GDP was 2.1 per cent higher, up from the consumer prices last month — 1.9 per cent year-on-year the biggest monthly gain for

up on 1988, when the econ-

omy grew 4.25 per cent. Final-quarter growth was attributed to strong export performance, increased oil production, and a solid show-

New orders for construction work fell to a seasonally-adjusted £1.5 billion last

3 per cent lower.

demerger terms

By Jeremy Andrews

Courtaulds shareholders will March, unchanged from 1988quoted company are approved dividend to be paid on at a meeting on March 16. Courtaulds Textiles shares, at a meeting on March 16.

Sir Christopher Hogg, who will chair both companies, urged shareholders to back the proposals and said: "This will be a huge step forward for

"We have spent five years getting to this point and we are very excited about the future. We started with a shambles at

profits from its non-textile businesses will be not less than £160 million in the year to

receive one share in Court- 89. Earnings per share of 31p aulds Textiles for every four are also forecast, up from 28p held, if plans to demerge the last year, and a final dividend garment and yarn spinning of 8p is indicated. Together operations into a separate with the 3.1p interim and the the total distribution will be 14p, a rise of 1p.

> Courtaulds Textiles made £40 million before tax on a pro forma basis in the year to December and while no comparative pre-tax figure has been calculated, operating profits of £51.6 million were almost £2 million up on 1988-89. With an issued capital of 101 million shares, that would mean pro forma earnings per share of 29p and a pro forma dividend of 11.6p is planned.

The textiles company has sales of almost £1 billion.

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| Orsp (-13p) | 137/5p (-10p) | 137/5p (-20p) | 147/5p (-20p) fears of recession By Colin Narbrough, Economics Correspondent

Central Statistical Office figures showed the output measure of the gross domestic product rising a provisional seasonally-adjusted 0.6 per cent between the third and fourth quarters. City forecast-ers anticipated 0.4 per cent.

The economy grew more GDP growth was 2.4 per cent

ing in services.

month from a revised £1.53 billion in November. Fourthquarter orders were 2 per cent down on the previous quarter and 13 per cent below the same quarter the previous year. For the year, orders were

In the US, steep rises in food and energy costs produced a 1.1 per cent jump in

the beginning of the Eighties and have ended with this demerger into two very strong and viable entities."

Courtaulds forecasts that

growth seen in the third more than seven-and-a-half quarter. For the full year, years.

Ridley the loser in peace deal as banks stick by Morton

End to the brawling at Eurotunnel By John Bell, City Editor

Whisper it gently, but peace appears to have broken out between Eurotunnel and the builders of the cross-Channel link. There are, though, few gainers and many losers after months of what looked more like guerrilla warfare than businesslike negotiations over one of the largest civil engineering projects the

world has seen. The clearest loser yesterday was Dr Tony Ridley, the engineer brought in to end growing hostility between Eurotunnel and the 10-strong consortium of British and French companies

constructing the Channel tunnel. Dr Ridley, who believes that he improved working relations between the two sides, although admitting failing to

up for the cost over-runs, says only that what to expect until digging begins, he has been "replaced" and will stay for a while to show the ropes to his successor, Mr John Neerhout, who takes over as project chief executive.

Mr Neerhout, coming to Eurotunnel from the US construction group, Bechtel, part successful, campaign by the construction consortium, TML, to force management changes.

The major target was Mr Alastair Morton, who until a management reshuffle only last week was the British cochairman of Eurotunnel, He proved a tough, and some would say intransigent. negotiator when the project made a dismal start. Tunnelling on the British

blamed bad ground conditions. Mr Morton and his board refused to

compromise on cost over-runs, which TML blamed on changed specifications. Despite TML's campaign, the banks

ture of Mr Morton. Embarrassingly for Eurotunnel, TML has forced Mr Morton, now group chief executive, and his colleagues to beef up the team of directors involved with construction less than a week after they had been settled. Mr Morton now turns his attention to the next round of financing and TML is

looking forward to smoother progress with Eurotunnel's new project team.

Retail Price Index: 119.5 (January) resolve the rows over who should stump

arrives as a result of a ferocious, but only

side was painfully slow. TML's executives, who say that one never knows

have refused to countenance the depar-

Wise heads in the City, however, are sceptical, seeing the hostilities as but one round in a lengthy heavyweight bout.

Wedding that could end in regrets CRT Group logs on to

Queens Moat Houses and £18 million for London's Norfolk Capital do not go Sloane Club. The only serious together. Shareholders in both could regret it if their stormy Monday, when the Queens Moat bid for Norfolk Capital

Mr John Bairstow, Queens Moat chairman, is beginning to display a fondness for issuing new shares. Norfolk Capital is to be paid for by £170 million worth of them, six months after a £141 million Queens Moat rights issue. That came less than a year after a £57 million rights.

That is an awful lot of shares, a fact which will not be lost on Balmoral, Norfolk's biggest shareholder, which has 13 per cent.

For Norfolk Capital's 21,000 shareholders, the regrets are somewhat different. Many will have stayed with the company since the days of Sir Maxwell Joseph. Many of them will find it difficult to accept that Norfolk's story did not end last week with Lady Joseph's resignation.

But in a year's time they might regret accepting Mr Bairstow's offer. By then, the North British Hotel will have reopened after a £20 million. five-star refit. Also by then, the 140,000 office development next to the Caledonian, Norfolk's other five-star Edinburgh hotel, will have million — is fully explained. been sold for £30 million, More than fully; if anything while someone will have paid the operating numbers look

Trade fair

invitation

rejected

By Colin Narbrough

The Department of Trade and

Industry has turned down, on

cost grounds, the chance to

make Britain theme nation at

West Germany's most presitigious trade fair, despite

the huge UK deficit on bi-

The organisers of the Hano-

ver Fair had invited Britain to

be special guest country in

1992, in the closing stages of

the run-up to the single Euro-

Though West Germany looks set to become Britain's

biggest export market, absorb-

ing £11 billion of UK goods

last year, the British appetite

for quality products sucked in

A DTI spokesman said the

Hanover invitation, which

could have cost the Govern-

ment between £2 million and

£3 million for the two-week

event, was studied closely

before it was rejected in 1988

The DTI normally spends

about £500,000 supporting

exhibitors at Hanover, an important show place for the

Central and Eastern Europe

By comparison, the Gov-

ernment has earmarked £25 million for the British pavil-

ion at the six-month Seville

The DTI spokesman said

the Hanover decision was

taken after consultation re-

vealed that UK companies

also questioned the usefulness

of a special British presence.

World Expo in 1992,

markets

as not being cost-effective.

£20 billion of imports.

lateral trade.

pean market.

question mark will be over the St James's clubs, for which even Mr Bairstow does not appear to have an answer.

Five-star hotels and private clubs are not the stuff of which Queen Moat is made. But it could be the making of Norfolk's board, now united under managing director Peter Eyles, which has the unenviable task of defending against a bid offering an exit multiple of 37 times earnings.

Queens Moat is trying to get assets at a discount and without paying cash for them. Norfolk's shareholders deserve to be rewarded for their patience. They are not being.

Shell

Shell managed to take most people by surprise with the size of its £377 million stock profit, even though British Petroleum had given a lead a week ago.

Throw in an unexpected near-£200 million turnround on the foreign exchange book between the third and fourth quarters, ensuring a positive contribution from currencies for the year, and the market's underestimation of the final net income figure - up by more than £1 billion at £3.954

By David Walker

Unless the private water com-

panies offer better water qual-

ity and a cleaner environment,

water charges to the public

will have to be cut, the official

Mr Ian Byatt, the director

general of the Office of Water

Services, told a London con-

ference that he would be

watching closely to see that

water companies used the

revenue from permitted in-

creases in their charges to

improve the quality of drink-

In co-operation with the

Department of the Environ-

ment's drinking water inspec-

torate, Mr Byatt promised the

public a real benefit from the higher charges. Money raised

by the water companies would

have to be spent on reducing

sewage outfalls to sea and riv-

ers and repairing water pipes.

higher bills, rising by 5 per cent above the rate of infla-

tion, to finance this pro-

gramme so they are entitled to

know what the results are. The

Office of Water Services will

want to ensure that the invest-

ment programmes are produc-

If they were not, Mr Byatt

promised to revise the limits

on what the water companies

can charge when they raise

There was no point in

examining whether the water

their prices each year.

"The public will be paying

ing water.

water watchdog has said.



United front: Peter Eyles leads Norfolk board in bid defence

Improve water quality or face

cut in prices, says watchdog

favourable conditions in the chemical industry are well documented, and a £147 million fourth quarter contribution from this sector, against £228 million last time, was in line with predictions. But, allowing for a slightly higher than expected tax charge, margins on exploration and production, which

mildly disappointing. The less just £1.05 billion against £997 million, look less than spectacular given the strongrise in the oil price. Cash flow, at £6.3 billion,

the final dividend, at 10.7p, came up short of expectations. On this evidence alone the recent rally in the Shell share price looks to have been overdone. And there is little this produced full-year profits of year holds which is likely to run by B&C.

shows no improvement and

near-£1 billion 1989 return.

The higher oil price and a 5 tion should ensure a better performance from exploration ing stake in Colonnade. and production, while refining and marketing should see an improvement in margins but there will be no repetition of the 1989 stock profit.

County NatWest's Ian Graham looks for £3.56 billion, while Fergus McLeod at BZW reckons £3.46 billion is the best Shell will do. On this range earnings per share fall from the current 44p to about from 2p to 44p, despite the 39p, to leave the shares on a multiple of around 12 -

Given its greater exposure to chemicals and its relative ment, apart from cash. lack of gearing to the oil price, it does not deserve it.

Colonnade

played a curious role in its attempts to secure fair play for shareholders of Stratagem, a tiny investment company in a David and Goliath struggle with two City giants, British & Commonwealth and James Capel. Capel is helping B&C to fight Stratagem's bid for Colonnade Development Capital, an investment trust

challenge that view. Chemicals will find the going stickier ried about a false market in still, and may produce a 25 per Stratagem's shares after its cent profit shortfall on the failure to issue a circular and obtain formal approval from shareholders before commitper cent increase in producting more than a quarter of its assets when it bought a block-

> However, most of Strata-gem's equity is held by board members, and its shareholders do not need protection from their own actions.

If there is a false market in this affair, it is in shares of Imtec, soon to take the name Laser-Scan from its main business. This year, Imtec's 320 million shares have risen resignations of the chief executive and the finance director. A 16.5 per cent stake in Imtec is Colonnade's biggest invest-

Had Imtec not been consigned to "penny share" sta-tus, there would have been more fuss. At very least, shareholders would have clamoured for official confirmation of the turnround in trading results, rumours of which have propelled the shares skywards. Imtec is controlled by B&C.

It is significant that the local authority pension funds dominating Colonnade's share register overwhelmingly support
Stratagem, not B&C. The
Stock Exchange would do well
to work out who are really the villains of the piece.

W German bonds in recoverv

West German bond prices started to recover yesterday after losing ground for almost a month over anxieties about German unification, with long-term investors lured back by yields at a seven-year high.

about the risks involved.

towards monetary and eco-

Herr Otto Schlecht, a senior

no grounds for this," he said. Herr Schlecht saw no radical change in the inflation outlook for West Germany

Pre-tax profits at the Leeds Herrburger Brooks, the based residential and commercial developer, Arncliffe Holdings, still grew by 24 per cent to £3.14 million, despite a near four-fold increase in interest charges. Turnover was up by more than 50 per cent at £19.4 million. However, earnings

Arncliffe up

to £3.14m

per share rose by only 0.5 per cent to 40p a share. A final dividend of 4.0p per share is being recommended, giving a The shares fell by 20p to total of 6.75p. Uniroyal to buy NTS

Uniroyal Englebert Tyres, a British subsidiary of West Germany's Continental AG, has agreed to buy National Tyre Services (NTS) from Michelin Tyre for £140 million. Michelin Tyre is a unit of Compagnie Générale des Etablissements Michelin, the French tyre group, which acquired NTS from BTR in June 1989.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP -

Software Personnel

£5.3 million.

Ardagh rises

Pre-tax profits at Ardagh.

formerly Irish Glass, the

Dublin-based glass con-tainer maker, rose 41 per

cent to Ir£1.93 million (£1.79

million) in the 26-week per-

iod ending December 26. Turnover climbed 12 per cent

to Ir£16.8 million. Earnings

per share rose 48 per cent to

9.02p and the interim is

Ir1.25p, against Ir1p. Net interest receivable jumped

from Ir£135,000 to

to £1.79m

CRT Group, the consultancy, recruitment and training business formed after last November's reverse takeover of R Smallshaw (Knitwear), is buying Software Personnel for up to

The maximum initial payment will be £2.5 million,

satisfied by up to £435,000 in cash, £559,000 in loan notes

and the balance in new ordinary shares to be alloted at 66p

per share. Further consideration of up to £2.79 million may be

payable depending on Softwear Personnel's future profits. Software Personnel is a Birmingham-based recruitment

business specializing in the supply of skilled computer consultants, to organizations using IBM or IBM compatible computers, on a contract basis. The company made pre-tax profits of £255,000 in the year to end-March, on sales of £4.4

Lasmo assets for sale

Lasmo, the aggressive British independent exploration and

Shandwick in

£9.75m deal

Shandwick, the public rela-

tions firm, is buying fellow

consultancy. Paragon Communications, in a deal worth £9.75 million. The

offer values each Paragon

share at 172½p, and will

involve a partial cash alter-

native of 162½p and a partial

loan note alternative.

Shandwick has received ir-

revocable acceptances total-

ling 52.3 per cent. Paragon

shares rose from 128p to settle at 158p.

Herrburger in

£52,000 loss

piano parts supplier, slid into the red with a pre-tax

loss of £52,000 in the six

months to end-November, compared with a £11,000

profit last time. Turnøver

was static, at £3.48 million

from £3.47 million. There is

a 3.02p loss per share,

against earnings of 0.58p

last time. The company

blamed high interest costs.

225p on the news.

NTS is a distributor of tyres and auto parts in the United Kingdom. Half the purchase price will be paid by Uniroyal Englebert to Michelin Tyre on completion of the transaction, together with some unspecified additional costs. The rest will be deferred for a fixed period of time. The length of that period was not disclosed. BTR sold NTS to Michelin for £140 million cash.

Eagle Trust sues Savory Milln over rights issue money

Eagle Trust, the engineering agrees that Savory Milln reand film camera group, is crived the money, but says suing Savory Milln to recover what it alleges is £13.5 million ing channels in satisfaction of of the company's money used sub-underwriting committo underwrite its ill-fated ments that had been entered rights issue in December 1987. into by Mr Ferriday in

The lawsuit is the first of a connection with the rights. series planned by Eagle's new board, but Swiss Bank Corp- acquisition. oration, which owns Savory the action as vigorously as we possibly can".

1987 stock market crash, Eathinking that Savory Milln gle Trust's former board knew, or should have known. gle Trust's former board knew, or should have known, launched a £21 million rights that the payments were in any issue to help to pay for the way connected with the funds acquisition of Samuelson, the allegedly missing from Eagle hired film equipment concern. Trust."

The issue was underwritten by Savory Milln, but Eagle Trust's former chief executive. Mr John Ferriday, undertook to procure sub-underwriters for £13.5 million of the issue. Mr Ferriday is now being sought by West Midlands Police.

Eagle's writ claims the repayment of £13.5 million received by Savory Milln in December 1987, which it alleges that Savory Milln, knew, or ought to have known, belonged to Eagle Trust. Swiss Bank Corporation

issue for the Samuelson It said: "We have looked Milln, said: "We will defend into the circumstances of these payments in detail and we have been advised that Just before the October there are no grounds for

that it came via normal bank-

allegedly missing from Eagle Mr David James, Eagle's current chairman, said that, after receiving counsel's advice, he was confident of the claim's merit.

"We would not undertake litigation unless there is a substantial prospect of recov-

ery for shareholders," Mr James said. The board had not decided whether to act against any other of Eagle's advisers at this

stage, but there would be claims against a "wide range of professional bodies and individuals."

production group, has put a package of assets on the market which could raise as much as £50 million. It is selling a portfolio of interests in 22 North Sea blocks, including a stake in the Audrey field in the southern sector of the North Sea which is already producing gas. The other blocks have already been explored by Lasmo and in most cases oil has been found. Over the next few weeks. prospective purchasers will be shown the data available on the blocks on offer. Lasmo hopes that the sale could be completed by late spring.

By Our Economics Correspondent

Recent federal issues saw prices gain nearly one mark. allowing the yields to ease accordingly. The recovery came amid calls from East Berlin for more cautious pace in the drive

nomic union, while Bonn sought to dispel what it considers unwarranted fears

economics ministry official, told the Press that the value of the West German mark might suffer short term declines because of the unification, but would strengthen over the

He said he thought the capital markets had overreacted to recent developments on the unification front. "There are absolutely

due to the upheaval in East Germany, although he recognized signs of overheating.

Despite all the market

doubts, he said West German growth would probably a little higher than the 3 per cent-plus forecast at the beginning of the could be awarded if necessary. year.

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companies laid down bricks or the next 10 years. He said the

stuck closely to the asset office did not expect a

ments in service to the public.

Mr Byatt, a former Treasury

economist, said the water

industry was on course to

double its capital value during

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Hartwell holding Saudi Arabia's Jameel Group

Looking for an improvement in drinking water: Ian Byatt of the Office of Water Services

management plans they are "confrontation" with the wat- which has no statutory

required by law to show the er companies, as ensuring responsibility for water or river watchdog. What mattered adequate revenue and protecting the interests of consumers pollution incident involving

However, Mr Byatt wants to

give the office a higher profile by ensuring that the public is

notified if water companies

In December the office -

fail in their responsibilities.

were complementary.

claimed yesterday that it spoke for 30.6 per cent of Hartwell, the motor group, after buying a further 865,833

Oakhill Ltd, Jameel's vehicle, now owns 9.98 million Hartwell shares and is acting in concert with owners of another 14.24 million.

Oakhill made an increased and final 155p offer for Hartwell last week, valuing the group at £172 million.

In its latest offer document, out yesterday, Oakhill claimed that if Government rules on company's owning stakes in their own pension funds became law, then half of the Hartwell pension fund holding of 10.3 per cent in the company will have to be sold. The offer closes at 1pm on Monday March 12.

Provident Group rises to £31.7m

By Neil Bennett

Provident Financial Group, the consumer leading and insurance group, lifted pre-tax profits by 12 per cent to £31.7 by 1.5p to 13.5p, making a gain of 14 per cent to 20.5p.

pollution incident involving

the release of chemicals into

Mr Byatt said his job was to make sure the public was noti-

fied as soon as possible of such

incidents, so compensation

the Tyne.

Three acquisitions and £50 million of organic growth increased Provident Financial's lending book to £440 million. Personal finance profits rose 19 per cent to £26.8

Provident is the largest door-to-door credit business, and the high costs of its 10,500 sales and collections push the cost if its loans as high as 100 annualized percentage rate.

Mr Peter Hogg, the chief executive, said that bad debt provisions had actually fallen since most of Provident's

ants and had not been hit by the mortgage rate rises. He admitted, however, that car repossessions are on the million in the year to end-increase at Lynn Regis Fi-December. The final goes up nance, the group's motor hire purchase subsidiary.

The insurance division increased profits by 41 per cent to £9.3 million, although the contribution from Colonnade Insurance Brokers, fell by £400,000 to £300,000 due to the disruption of opening 22 branches. This brings the total network to 50, with 20 more openings planned for 1990. Mentor, the group's soft-

ware training subsidiary, de-creased its losses from £1.2 million to £100,000. Mr Hogg said gearing was only 160 per cent, and the

company is seeking other personal finance or insurance businesses.

Independent miner digs down under for coal interests

Young pays £2.4m for stake in AMI

By David Young Energy Correspondent

Young Group, the Tyneside independent coal mining group set up by a former British Coal driver, is to pay £2.4 million to buy a 43 per cent stake in Australian Mining Investments.

The purchase of the stake in AMI, the Young Group said, was part of a long-term strategy to acquire coal mining interests outside Britain.

The latest five year contract between British Coal and the two power generating companies to be created after the privatization of the power industry, has effectively closed a large part of the British market to the independent coal mining sector.

The objective, said the company,

was to lessen the group's exposure to with an underground and an opencast the British coal market, which continues to be dominated by British Coal despite Government moves to change legislation which will allow the independent sector to increase the size of its operations.

The total price being paid for the stake in AMI, which will be subject to Australian approval, will be Aus\$5.5 million (£2.4 million).

mainly by a placing of £2 million of Young Group shares. IEP Securities, which already holds 17.7 per cent, has agreed to subscribe for a miniumum of £1 million and a maximum of £2 million. The balance will be met from existing resources and borrowings. AMI is a publicly-quoted company

The purchase will be financed

mine near Gunnedah, New South Wales. The mine produced a million tonnes of coal in the last full year and has estimated reserves of more than 30 million tonnes. The coal is sold to Japanese companies on the basis of term contracts for which prices are negotiated annually. AMI also owns the Glennies Creek

development project near Singleton, New South Wales, which is estimated to have reserves of more than 400 million tonnes of high-quality coking and steaming coal.

An agreement has recently been signed whereby Toya Menka Kaisha and Nippon Oil Australia will buy a 50 per cent stake in the Glennies Creek project. Development of the

project will depend on further Australian regulatory approval

AMI has suffered from weak international prices and unfavourable exchange rates. It made an operating loss of Aus\$3.79 million in the year to June 30, but, on the strength of a return to profitable operations in the second six months. second six months, paid a dividend of Aus 1.5 cent a share.

The Young Group will make appointments to the board of AMI, and will senior staff, experienced in the operation and development of similar mines in the Britain, will be seconded. It believes that improvements can be made in the operation of the Gunnedah mine and that the company's profitability can be further

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Investment plans to benefit as Shell jumps 34% to £3.95bn

rise of 34 per cent on the previous year and an 8.2 per cent increase in its total dividend for the year to 18.4p. The shares fell 4p to 470p on

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Net income for the whole of 1989 was £3.95 billion, com-£9.75m de pared with £2.94 billion in 1988. In the last quarter earnings rose to £1.01 billion from £702 million in the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

On a current cost basis, which removes the effects of stock gains, earnings rose by 13 per cent over the year to show that the company con-

Return on capital, which Tempus, Shell said it regards as the most important indicator, was 13.7 per cent, compared with 11.5 per cent in the previous producing oil.

Since of the second sec issets for sa creased profits for the year oil barrel. exproration and production by 14 per cent, oil refining and marketing 28 per cent, coal 90 per cent and metals 54 per cent. Chamical and metals 54 per cent. Secretary of Secretary and Sec Gald in the control cent. Chemicals were £971 will go too far, although million, down 5 per cent. Sir Peter Holmes, the Shell

A CONTRACT OF THE SECOND SECON chairman, forecast they would remain at about the same 74 50000 the control of the control levels this year.

Earnings from chemicals

Shell reported earnings for the fourth quarter to £147 South Africa, we are thornilated structured by the rightthe "exceptional" level of the wing groups. fourth quarter in 1988, reflect-

chemical prices. Sir Peter said chemical prices had now "pretty well interests to help the elevelled off." He said profits grow in South Africa. from chemicals in 1990 would £1 billion pounds."

The Shell profits will support a £10 billion investment programme in the current year, Sir Peter said, and he hinted that figures which will be issued when Shell publishes its annual report soon will

tinues to find new oil reserves significantly faster than it is

Sir Peter said he expects oil Apart from chemicals, all prices to stay within their Shell divisions announced in-recent limit of \$16 to \$20 per

> there's no sign of that at present, in which case oil prices would go below \$16."

Sir Peter also welcomed the new situation in South Africa where Shell has been criticized dipped a sharp 36 per cent in for its operations. He said: "In ing a new phase."

"Outside South Africa, we ing a cyclical downturn in are criticized by the antiapartheid groups. Before long it must be in the West's best interests to help the economy

Shell also revealed that it is be "pretty significant, but not having talks with the Russian and other East European governments about the possibility of joint ventures in oil exploration and production in Siberia and in marketing in other areas.

> The group is already involved in one exploration project in Siberia and it is planning to double the number of Shell service station outlets in Hungary from its existing 40.

> Mr John Jennings, group managing director responsible for exploration and production, said the company was also responding positively to signs that Iraq was ready to consider oil companies' help in developing already discov-

He said: "I believe that several of the major Opec resource holders will be tempted to reconsider their stance vis-à-vis the major private oil companies. Taking eastern Europe and Opec together, we may well be enter-



Profits to stay about the same: Sir Peter Holmes vesterday

BAT Industries, unbundling chairman and chief executive itself under continued threat of BAT's Appleton and Wigfrom Sir James Goldsmith's Hoylake bid vehicle, has appointed a former Dalgety and Asda-MFI chairman to head its Argos store chain for its

flotation. Mr David Donne, a former barrister who is non-executive chairman of Steetley and Crest Nicholson, joins Mr Mike Smith, Argos's chief exec-utive, on March 1 to help carry out the demerger and flotation in late March or early

April. Mr Patrick Sheehy, chairman of BAT, said: "I am delighted that the Argos opportunity has attracted as experienced a chairman as David Donne. His broad skills will complement the specialist retail knowledge of Mike Smith and his team.

Mr Stephen Walls, the former Plessey managing direc-tor, was recently hired as gins Teape paper interests, which will be demerged and floated about a month after

Analysts expect Argos to have a market capitalization of £600 million.

BAT is to concentrate solely



Former Asda chief Trencherwood cautious to take Argos helm as housing profits slump

based developer, almost disintegrated last year. After writing off £4 million against its landbank, profits from the homes division, which is still responsible for three quarters of group turnover, slumped from £10.3 million to £1.7 million. However, more than

doubled profits from office and industrial activities, at £5.6 million, have enabled the group to limit the fall in group pre-tax profits to £4 million at £8.7 million. A 3.63p a share dividend maintains the total at 5.13p for the year to November 30. Earnings were

Housebuilding profits at the slide in housing prices, per cent to 61 per cent by the Trencherwood, the Berkshire- which accelerated rapidly as year-end, but the cost of the interest rates rose. Trencherwood, which was

> northward into the Midlands when interest rates began to spiral, has closed down its southern region offices and merged its sites with the central region. It has also cut back on staff, producing savings of £600,000 a year. Mr Eighteen reports that the

group sold only 401 homes during the year, against 529 in the previous year and an original budget of 675. The retirement sector was particularly badly hit.

Gross margins came under ressure due to the drop in Describing 1989 conditions pressure due to the drop in as the "worst housing market sales prices together with increased building costs. "We may be building fewer units, since 1974," Mr Brian Eighteen, Trencherwood managing may be building fewer units, director, blamed the abolition but the site times are longer in year's housing profit," he said. of double mortgage relief in a weak market," he said.

August 1988 for the start of Gearing crept up from 50.5

debt has been restrained by the use of interest rate caps and the group's facility to borrow longer-term money at fixed rates.

The group interest charge is £4.39 million against £1.1 million. Mr Eighteen predicted that gearing would be down to "around 45 per cent" by the end of the year.

He warned that the short term prospect for housing was still one of "caution and uncertainty." Reservations and activity during the first six weeks of 1990 had been "encouraging" but it would be some time before confidence returned to the market.

"In the light of the recent rise in mortgage rates it is unlikely we will exceed last The shares dipped 15p to 155p on the USM.

COMMENT David Brewerton

Not much of a yarn from Courtaulds

arms of the business. Profits on the The cellophane, acrylic fibres and yarnchemicals side have been as flat as a pancake for three years on the trot, while the textiles business has actually gone backwards. Edification, maybe. . .but certainly no delight.

Nothing, moreover, is getting much better. New Courtaulds, which takes in the interests in paint, sealants, packaging and textile fibres, is forecast to make £160 million in the year to March, the same as in 1988-89 and £2 million less than in the year before. Courtaulds Textiles, which includes underwear and yarns, made £40 million before tax in the year to December and, although a back run of pre-tax figures has not been provided, operating profits of £52 million were more than a fifth lower than in 1987-88.

The picture looks even less enticing when allowance is made for the fact that the application of SSAP 24, the accounting standard on pension surpluses, added a whopping £23 million to New Courtaulds' profits and £8 million to Textiles' profits. However, the company argues that the pension refund is only one of several factors which have that New Courtaulds still has some of Southern African woodpulp interests thinking.

Yourtaulds' proposals to demerge alone depressed profits by £29 million.
This was also a period when some of its unattractive histories of both core businesses suffered serious decline. spinning interests, which made £80 million three years ago, are now trading at little better than break-even.

That latter point brings us back to the demerger. If Courtaulds is saddled with a number of dud businesses, why does it not simply sell them? The answer appears to be that some of them are unsaleable, given the conditions in the European textiles industry. There is also the problem that, were Courtaulds to succeed in selling out, the cash would then make it even more of a target for predators interested in its residual adhesives and paint activities.

Textiles' pro forma dividend of 11.6p would mean a price of 220p for the demerged shares, if investors look for a yield of 7 per cent. As the shares are to be distributed on a one-for-four basis, Courtaulds' existing shares stand to drop by 55p when it goes through. That means the current price of 382p equates to just above 10 times forecast earnings of 31p for the New Courtaulds businesses or nine times' the earnings of 35p expected by analysts for 1990-91. Given affected its recent record. It made £800 the dud businesses on board, this million-worth of acquisitions and dis-suggests that bid possibilities have posals in the late eighties - the sale of its already begun to enter the market's

Nice one, Sir Hector

the line for pension fund managers at the National Association of Pension this week.

In a provocative contribution to a pamphlet of essays prepared for the conference, he points out that industrial managements expect to see their own pension funds performing well, without considering whether or not that means fund managers operating short term. "By contrast," he points out, "the same industrial managers expect their institutional shareholders, in essence those same fund managers, to take a longterm view with regard to the company's profit performance."

Not a new idea, of course, but Sir Hector does have some concrete proposals which, while unashamedly weighted in favour of corporate management rather than investors, do bear consideration for inclusion in companies' articles of association. He suggests, for instance, that shareholders should acquire voting rights, and thus hands of a hostile bidder, only when they have held the shares for 12 months. term arbitrageurs. So far, so good.

Tever one to miss a trick, Sir preservation is that any shareholder Hector Laing, chairman of who fails to vote at a general meeting Hector Laing, chairman or who land to look a second with the United Biscuits, is laying it on could be deemed to have voted with the board. But this would be a great triumph for apathy, and make it extremely Funds annual conference in Eastbourne difficult for investors with a legitimate complaint against the board to get any

action. Too cosy, Sir Hector.
He also urges shareholders, by implication institutional shareholders, to make a noise at annual meetings. When institutional investors have dissatisfaction with company managements, they tend either to sell or to put the pressure on behind closed doors. Sir Hector believes they should make their concerns public in the forum of the annual meeting, where management has the responsibility to give an account of its stewardship. A nice idea, but who is going to be the first to stand up?

Finally, he suggests that companies should incorporate into their articles of association a clause that limits the voting rights of any one shareholder so long as earnings per share continue to rise at a defined minimum rate. Now there is an idea which might appeal to institutions — and it is incredibly brave the ability to deliver a company into the of Sir Hector to suggest it, given the solid rather than exciting earnings per share record of his own United Biscuits. This, he believes, would drive out short Perhaps he will put it up for consideration at the next UB meeting. Come Next on his list for companies' self- on Sir H, money where your mouth is.

Texas sows seeds with Gardenstore

Texas Homecare, the DIY retailing subsidiary of Mr Cyril Stein's Ladbroke Group, has linked up with the fastgrowing Gardenstore chain to boost its share of the £2 billion

Homecare superstores.

The first Gardenstore will

Drexel

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Easter, with the remaining 11 Trenter simply said it would to open before the year-end. If be beneficial for both parties. the venture is successful, Gardenstore will open up in all the other Texas stores.

Mr Ron Trenter, the deputy chairman and managing director of Texas Homecare, said: "Over 150 Texas stores already include a garden centre. By combining with the specia-list brand leader, our objective is to rapidly establish market leadership in the gardening Gardenstore close to a year

Bound by contract not to

It is believed that the venture will substantially increase

Homecare's garden side, and establish it firmly as the leader in the gardening market. "It's a very nice deal for both of us," said Mr Malcolm Parkinson, the former Wool-worth chief executive and

alone outlets, of which he hopes to have 30 by the year-

Gardenstore is a subsidiary the profitability of Texas of Retail Corporation, the private company set up by Mr Parkinson and two former B&Q colleagues, Mr John Kennedy and Mr Alan Greensides. In less than a year Gardenstore has become one of the largest specialist garden-B&Q founder who set up ing retailers in Britain, with a turnover of about £25 million.

Mr Parkinson said he plans He said the deal will not to float Retail Corporation by

By Melinda Wittstock sive agreement, in time for or terms of the deal, Mr plans to open more stand-

British gardening market.

Gardenstore, which operates 12 outlets covering 2 million sq ft of retail space and is now developing another 11, will be incorporated into an initial 12 of the 215 Texas

start trading, under the exclu- reveal the financial structure slow down Gardenstore's 1991 or 1992 at the latest.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Priding itself for being the early bird that catches the Reid between the lines markets and investors.

worm, County NatWest WoodMac has picked up two A clash of the titans that was of the most senior equities clearly never to be ... John Ashcroft, battered head of the men from the debris of the collapsed Drexel Burnham Lambert empire in the US. After signing on the dotted line last night, Arthur Kirsch, until recently head of the entire equities division at DBL, now becomes president and chief executive of County NatWest Securities Inc. County's American arm. And his colleague John Keilenyi, for-merly head of research at Drexel - and rated the number one utilities analyst in the US - is also joining the firm, again as head of research. Tim Ferguson, chief executive of County NatWest has been in New York since Saturday to handle the negotiations

personally and he is now in talks with "a number of their lieutenants." "We are talking to their key people in the US and then perhaps their salesmen in Europe, which could mean a total of 40 or 50 professionals," says Scott Dobbie, vice chairman of County NatWest Securities. With appropriate support staff we could be talking about 100 people in total." He described it as a "unique opportunity to make a quanturn leap in the US."

Sinking feeling Michael Hingston, chief executive of Paragon Communications, who has just agreed a ston, aged 41, who married

Ashcroft, hattered head of the equally battered Coloroll about "Why do some companies become disenchanted with a public quotation?" But delegates will be disappointed the National Association of Pension Funds, at their annual to learn that he cancelled the engagement two weeks ago.
Acting as his understudy, and
putting "The Case for Propconference in Eastbourne today. But Ashcroft, never previously one to shy away from such public engagements, has apparently backed off from the estate agency group Richoffering what would certainly and Ellis. A man with time on have been a combative view of his hands ...? £9.75 million takeover offer

from Shandwick - which claims to be the largest public relations firm in the world experienced a feeling of dejà vu when he awoke yesterday. Hearing that Tokyo had fallen by more than 1,100 points brought memories flooding back of his first attempt to float Paragon - with a completion meeting scheduled for October 19, 1987.
"That turned out to be Black Monday and we had to reschedule our float for December, at 80p a share - haif our original flotation price," he says. "When I woke up yesterday and heard about Tokyo, I thought 'Oh no, it's going to happen all over again. But with the under-

writing now completed, Hing-

one of his employees, Julia Barker, just before Christmas, was last night able to reflect on the £2.35 million he's now worth. "I've extended my service contract to three years, and I've agreed to keep at least 50 per cent of my shares in Shandwick," he says. "But I don't know what I'm going to do with the rest yet. I've already bought the matrimonial home in Rochampton, I've got a second in Barnes which I can't sell, and I've no plans to buy anything else." He did let slip, however, that some of his new found wealth might fund a long overdue honeymoon. Earlier plans for

a trip to the South Sea Islands

had to be cancelled when one of his major clients, King-

fisher, launched its bid for

Barber's close shave

as the man who carried out Ted Heath's "U-turn", thus creating the "Barber boom" and issuing considerable quantities of gilt-edged stock According to the advance billings, he was due to speak any more and a lot of people have now retired," says Chap-pell, himself now a financial PR consultant. "This is a

Carol Leonard

Lord Barber still remembered loans at an interest rate of

in the process, his attendance at Heath's celebratory luncheon in the Lancaster Room at the Savoy Hotel yesterday to commemorate the former PM's 40 years as a constituency MP - was something of a coincidence. For later the same day 136 past and present gilt-edged brokers, traders and issuers, many of whom benefited enormously from Bar-ber's actions, met in an adjacent room at the Savoy for something called the Straight Eighth Dinner - a name taken from the maximum commission chargeable on a giltedged trade. And they toasted their considerable good fortune in those bygone days. The second such dinner to be held - the first, in 1988, was billed as The Grand Gilt Get Together - and with Sir Nigel Althaus, the last Government broker, as the speaker, it may well become a bi-annua event Organized by Julian Goldsmid, ex-Laurie Milbank, Tony Gibson, ex-Clive Discount, and Peter Chappell, ex-Sheppards, it is an entirely social function. "Since Big Bang nobody sees each other

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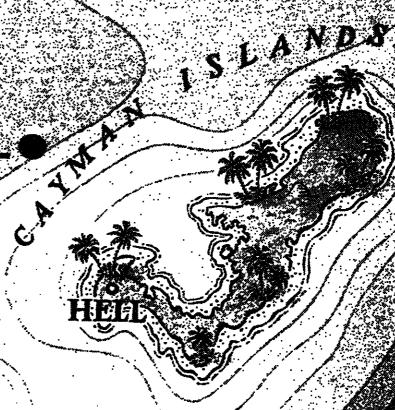
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Receiver called in at Memory offshoots

By Colin Campbell

Mr Aidan McKenna, chairman of the troubled Irish computer company Memory Computers, has resigned and 11 subsidiaries have been placed in receivership.

Memory's shares were suspended last December at 17.5p each since when there have been talks concerning a possible management buyout. However in February the buyout talks were aborted,

and yesterday Memory Computer said that Mr Bernard Somers of Somers & Associates had been appointed receiver of 11 subsidiary companies. Memory Computer Plc itself was not placed in receivership.

Mr McKenna took over as chairman last December following the departure of Mr Frank Casey, the previous chairman.

Memory Computers has had a chequered history on the Stock Exchange since it received a quotation on the unlisted securities market back in December 1982.

In September 1984 the group pulled out of a proposed 1r£2 million (£857,000) share placing and then in December of that year proposed a Ir£3.4 million share placing.

In 1985 the company re-

Doctor's care sees £127,000 at half-time after only £52,000 for all of previous year

Havelock ills respond to treatment

The disposals have resulted

ordinary item for some redun-

dancies and reorganization

ed an interim 2.6p last time,

last eight months of 1989 are

include Boots, Marks and Spencer and many other ma-

jor retailers, said order books have never been stronger. Most of the work is taking

place on new out-of-town

sonality of retail shopfitting by

expanding its activities into the hospital, laboratory and

retailing developments. Mr Balfour said the com-pany would offset the sea-

There is no interim divi-

Mr Lewis Robertson, the com- which were losing money and pany doctor hired tast May to costing management time, nurse Havelock Europa back to good health, believes an encouraging set of interim re-sults yesterday from the Scot-tish store design and shopfitting group show that his medicine is finally paying off.

Havelock, whose institutional investors brought in Mr dend payout for loyal Have-Robertson as chairman after a lock shareholders, who receivcollapse in its share price and profits, reported pre-tax profits of £127,000 for the six months to October 20, compared with just £52,000 for the dividend when results for the whole of the previous year.

Although Havelock reported an interim £1.39 million profit last time, it was followed by a quick plunge into losses of £1.34 million in the second half lateral and last eight months of 1707 are reported in April. The company has changed its year-end to December.

Havelock, Britain's biggest shopfitter whose customers second half. Interim earnings per share are 0.5p (6.5p).

Mr Robertson, whose other rescues include Lilley, Triplex Lloyd and Borthwicks, said Havelock was now well on its way to a "strong recovery" after a restructuring programme encompassing man-agement changes, tighter re-porting and control systems, and several disposals.

"It was a textbook case banking sector. really. We inherited three Its shares, down 5p to 127p good shopfitting units, but they were encumbered by poor administration, lack of yesterday having plunged from a 1987 high of 370p, have to reach 250p before Mr direction and a number of Robertson receives a perforpoorly-judged acquisitions mance bonus of £200,000.



Hoping to pay a final dividend to loyal shareholders: Hew Balfour, the new chief executive of Havelock Europa, yesterday

Steel float secures watchdog backing

By Sheila Gunn Political Reporter

The Government has won praise from the National Audit Office, the independent public spending watchdog, for its handling of the British Steel privatization in the wake of the 1987 Stock Market crash. The National Audit Office backed the decision to offer two billion shares, at the relatively low price of 125p., and press ahead with the £2.4 billion sale in November, 1988, in spite of advice to delay it for three months because of uncertain market

"On the final objective of relinquishing all government financial obligations, the successful flotation of British Steel has achieved this objec-

tive," it concluded. The net cost of the sale, probably the lowest of any of the Government's privatiza-tions, totalied £45.5 million gainst net proceeds of £2.4

Free, matching and discount shares offered to employees and pensioners in the company reduced receipts by £17.8 million.

 National Audit Office report on Department of Trade and Industry: Sale of Government Shareholding in British Steel

Aeroflot offers perks in war on Western rivals

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Aeroflot, the Russian state remarkable shift of public airline, is to offer passengers a posture and shows so clearly range of "Perestroika Perks" how the thinking in the in an effort to prevent West- commercial departments of ern airlines dominating the these carriers is now so similar booming demand for flights to that in the West and,

detailed market survey of passengers, which revealed that the airline had a poor reputation for efficiency, service and safety, and that their 10 per cent share of the Russian/American market was dwindling still further.

and West is set to expand dramatically with massive demand from holidaymakers to see European cities which, ganized by Airline Business until now, have been virtually sealed off from Western vis- travel potential to the East itors. Aeroflot is determined

Mr David Coltman, vice-president of America's United Airlines, told a conference of airlines in the East replaced airline executives and aviation authorities in Paris this week that the new marketing drive by Aeroflot was already showing results. "All these problems are now accepted by the airline's management and they are doing something about it," he said.

"In 1989 a \$1 million advertising campaign was launched to change travel agents' perception. All sorts of Perestroika Perks have been introduced for high-yield pas-sengers such as free hotel nights, Mont Blanc pens, chauffeured cars to hotels and free side trips to cities like Kiev and Leningrad. This is a

Eastern Europe.

Soviet officials were shockthinkers and innovators can
now put into effect their

Mr Vladimir Samoroukov, director-general commercial of Aeroflot, said: "We are trying very hard to improve our image. We will be using our new Airbus on the At-lantic. Aeroflot has really Now air travel between East stepped on the path of inte-

of world air transport." The two-day conference, ormagazine, heard how the could be almost unlimited and facturers could win orders worth up to \$18 billion as ageing noisy Russian fleets with modern Western aircraft.

Leading the drive to open up Eastern Europe to tourists are the Japanese. The Japanese go

has set a target of 10 million foreign trips a year to be made by their nationals by 1992 in an effort to reduce the balance of trade deficit. Growth in demand has been so great, however, that this will easily be surpassed this year.

Although the top three destinations remain Hawaii, Western Europe and Hong Kong, airlines report massive interest in towns and cities in the Eastern bloc.

Higher value goods lift Taveners 35%

By Philip Pangalos

A move to higher value products helped Taveners, the Liverpool confectionery group, improve pre-tax profits by 35 per cent to £287,000 in the year to end-December.

Group turnover was virtually unchanged at £10.6 million, despite a 7 per cent fall in British sales, which were affected by the long hot sum-mer, and a 10 per cent reduction in exports due to the concentration on higher value products. Earnings per share rise by 36 per cent to 9.41p and the final dividend is 1.50p

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Shell Centre By Order of the Board V.A. WADHAM Сотрапу 22nd February, 1990 Secretary

(1.25p). The company said the acquisition of the 29.9 per cent shareholding from AG Barr, the Glasgow soft drinks company, by Karl Fazer, the Finnish food group, had led to co-operation agreements in selling, distribution and re-search and development.

There was an extraordinary loss of £66,000 relating to the costs of closing the Glasgow factory, although there was better productivity from the marshmallow production line at the newly-equipped Liverpool plant.

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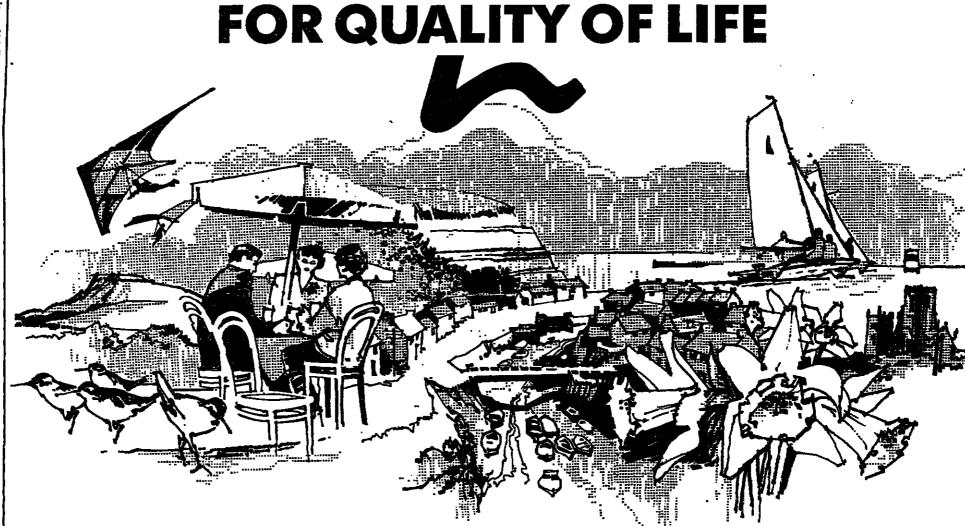
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Initiative Talent Ability

\$1bn satellite venture for US

announced a new \$1 billion satellite broadcasting service for the United States.

The News Corporation, NBC, Cablevision Systems Corporation and Hughes Communications are to aunch Sky Cable in late 1993.

The high-power satellite system will beam signals for the latest High Definition Television (HDTV) systems and digital quality audio to "napkin-sized" satellite dishes that will cost about \$300.

in the proposed Hughes tech-nology which should break new ground for future entertainment and information transmission standards," said Mr Rupert Murdoch, chief executive of The News Corporation, parent company of News International, which owns The Times.

He added: "At The News Corporation we have been busy launching, selling and delivering a new programming service in the United Kingdom. That service, Sky Television, utilizes direct broadcast satellite technology and a unique video encryption service. We expect to apply our experience to the development of Sky Cable."

Four media companies have 108 channels available and million of non-recourse debt. will be the first direct broad-

The service will be beamed to American homes from the most powerful space transmitter ever launched for commercial communications, provided by Hughes Communications. Sky Cable will be the first system to offer HDTV to

the US on a broad consumer scale. Viewers will be offered a variety of services, including multi-channel packages, subscription channels and "We have great confidence pay-per-view programmes. "Sky Cable is a major step forward into the 21st century

for US TV viewers," said Mr Stephen Petrucci, president and chief executive of Hughes Communications. "For the first time, rural Americans will be afforded the opportunity to enjoy truly broad-based cable services like those available by cable in urban communities."

"The new service will give Americans a taste of the next century's boundless range of video choices, sharply enhanced picture reception and more realistic sound," he said.

The companies announced opment of Sky Cable." of about \$1 billion, with up to Long Island, and 10 regional Sky Cable will have up to one third in equity and \$325 sports channels.

The equity will be divided

equally among the four part-ners and will be paid into the venture in equal amounts over the next four years. The remaining capital will be used as working capital. Mr Charles F. Dolan, chair-

man and chief executive of Cablevision Systems Corpora-tion said Sky Cable "will bring Americans a wonderfully diverse menu of new pro-grammes, catered to individ-ual tastes." He added: "It will speed the arrival of advanced technologies such as HDTV and digital sound. "Sky Cable will also afford

viewers in areas not served by cable - many of whom don't have the space or funds for old-fashioned satellite dishes - a less cumbersome and far more economical way to access an exciting new array of

NBC is America's leading television network and owns television stations in seven

Cablevision and NBC have extensive interests in cable programming, jointly owning the Consumer News and Busilast night that the new service ness Channel, Bravo, Sports will require a total investment Channel America, News 12-

News Corp plans Whisky distillers taste a bitter tax



Waiting to toast a change in the tax which hits Scottish distillers: Sandy Grant Gordon

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

chairman and managing direcwhose brands include Britain's best selling malt whisky Glenfiddich, will be one of the keenest watchers of the first Budget of Mr John Major.

Mr Gordon, a member of what is now claimed to be the oldest whisky family still in the business and stretching back to 1887, is in the van of the Scotch whisky distillers who, through the Scotch Whisky Association (SWA), are asking the Chancellor to mitigate the effects of "unfairly high" tax bills.

Corporation tax bears hard on the distillers because of the maturation period needed for whisky. The longer the period the heavier the tax tends to be. This means the worst hit distillers are mostly those making malt whiskies which are often kept for 10 years or more to bring them that much nearer to perfection.

By law, whisky distillers must mature their spirits for at least three years although the average is about five. As a partial offset to the higher bills the SWA is asking the Chancellor for a three-year maturation allowance in line with the legal minimum.

The whisky distillers have faced bigger tax bills ever since stock relief was phased out in Mr Nigel Lawson's first Budset. The manufacturing cost of the whisky is struck when it is distilled plus the warehousing cost. The more inflation there is during the period whisky is maturing the higher the tax.

tion Tax is paid at 35 per cent account of inflation.

Mr Sandy Grant Gordon, but with the inflation factor we are paying the equivalent tor, of William Grant & Sons of about 70 per cent. It has cent in some years.

been the equivalent of 100 per He added: "This is ex-tremely painful What William Grant is paying is equal to our whole interest bill."

Were stock relief still operating the tax bill would be about half what it is, he estimates. He and the other distillers believe it is particularly unfair because virtually no other business activity suffers so much from the problem of necessarily long-period stocks. Aircraft spares specialists are one of the few in carrying key high value items like spare

The bottled malts of Macailan Glenlivet, distillers of The Macallan, are mostly between 10 and 12 years old but some are as much as 25 years old. Mr William Phil-lips, managing director there, said its tax bills were still reasonable because the tailend of stock relief was still being felt but shortly it was expecting to be paying the equivalent of a 70 per cept or more Corporation Tax rate.

The malt distillers feel that what adds weight to their case is that they are providing jobs in remote areas as distilleries are often located in the highlands and islands of Scotland. It is also argued that in countries with competitor products - notably France

with its cognacs and the United States with its bourbons - distillers have an option to be taxed on a current Mr Gordon said: "Corpora- accounting basis which takes

Minorco back on acquisition trail in \$705m deal for US gold miner

By Colin Campbell, Mining Correspondent

Minorco group is to take over tender offer for Freeport-McMoRan Gold, the the gold arm. US gold mining company for \$705 million — equivalent to \$17 a share — in the first of what could be a series of its 1988 promise of expanding international deals.

Minorco said it has reviewed a number of acquisition opportunities in the US and abroad, and concluded Freetractive."

historic earnings, and is vestor and becoming an Minorco's first significant deal since bowing out of the bid battle for Consolidated Gold Fields last year.

cMoRan inc. the parent

The \$2.5 billion cash-rich company, and will make a ounces of gold. More financial Minorco group is to take over tender offer for the balance of details follow next week with the tender offer document.

time for Minorco to move on the acquisition front and fulfil along the natural resources

orco's commercial director, said from New York yesterday port-McMoRan Gold was "at- that Minorco had not been under any pressure to spend its The cash price represents a cash and that the Freeport 21 per cent premium to mar- deal confirmed it was moving ket price and almost 55 times away from being a passive in-

Even after the Freeport holdings of about \$1.8 billion. Minorco is acquiring a 61 Freeport brings Minorco at-

operator.

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Analysts have waited a long Meanwhile, Minorco's first formal flight on the acquisition trail has fanned speculation about its next move. Although the latest deal by Minorco is gold-related, the Mr Roger Phillimore, Mingroup is determined to expand within the widest possible field of natural resources.

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It was an earlier market suggestion that Minorco had been thinking about bidding for BP Coal, which had put up for sale various US and European coal interests.

But in view of more recent developments concerning deal, Minorco will have cash Peabody, the largest US coal producer, it is a further investment thought that Minorco per cent stake from Freeporttributable proven and probMcMoRan Inc. the parent able reserves of 2.22 million
Hanson which has a 40 million

cent shareholding in Newmont Mining, has bought out three minority stakes in Peabody and may, in time, be a buyer of the controlling Pea-body stake which is held by Newmont

If Hanson is true to form and packages up investments only to sell them on, then Hanson might in time be a seller of all of Peabody - to

An asset sale by Hanson to Minorco would complete the investment circle.

It was the sale by Minorco of its stake in ConsGold to Hanson that finally delivered all of ConsGold into Hanson's lap in 1989.

Minorco, which has an estimated net worth of about \$20 a share, yesterday traded at

Ricardo and SAC in £23m merger

The fortunes of BCE Holdings, the Unlisted Securities By Melinda Wittstock Market snooker and pool table Ricardo Group, the Sussexand accessories group, have based engine and trans-missions designer that escapcontinued to worsen, with the ed the clutches of First company turning in a pre-tax loss of £1.16 million in the six Technology last year, has set months to end-September, up shop with SAC Interagainst a £93,000 profit last

national, the engineering design group, in a £23.5 million agreed merger intended to build critical mass in an increasingly competitive

In an all-share deal leaving SAC shareholders with 53.4 per cent of the combined group, Ricardo is offering 82 of its own shares for every 100 held in SAC, valuing SAC's shares at 115p, based on the 140p price of Ricardo's

Ricardo has already received irrevocable acceptances | led to a fall in turnover from from all the directors and founding investors of SAC, as well as from two institutions. representing about 46 per cent of SAC's equity. Framlington Group has also agreed to accept the offer.

The enlarged group, which will have a market capitaliza-tion of £44 million and turnover of £60.3 million, will become one of Britain's lead-ing independent mechanical design consultancies, benefit-ting from geographic as well as operational synergies worldwide.

Mr Roger Smedley, the chairman and chief executive of SAC, who becomes chairman of SAC-Ricardo, said the merger would not cause any redundancies or closures. SAC-Ricardo would con-

centrate on expanding into vehicle body design and gas turbine power generation, while looking to acquire engineering software companies.

The merged company said that it would take advantage of "the enormous potential of the Far East".

Mr Doug Taylor, Ricardo's chairman and chief executive,

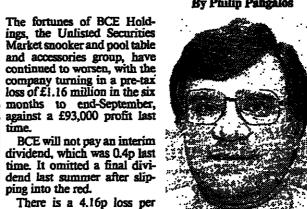
is managing director of the enlarged group.
The merger was announced as Ricardo reported a 34 per

cent rise in interim pre-tax profits to £1.49 million, with earnings per share up 32 per ceut to 7.25p. Accepting SAC sharehold-ers will not receive Ricardo's interim dividend of 1.9p, but

SAC will pay its shareholders a 1.6p dividend for the year to

BCE falls to £1.16m loss amid snooker recession

By Philip Pangalos



Fisher: snooker market dull snooker market and the

six months and was still far

£6.06 million to £4.98 million. down by about 30 per cent.

with British accessory sales Mr David Fisher, chairman, said that the market for bil-

liard and pool products

from buoyant. BCE's problems were compounded by continued pressure on margins and higher interest rates, with interest costs rising by 80 per cent to

throughout the world had

continued to decline in the last

In addition, subsidiaries in Belgium, which have now been closed, lost about £200,000, and a Canadian snooker hall lost between

£300,000 and £400,000. Mr George Withy, finance director, said that the company was trying to contract and that staffing had been halved in the last six months. However, there is likely to be a substantial loss for the full year despite the restructuring.

Butler Cox acquires CITI

By Our Industrial Editor

Butler Cox, the information technology group floated last year, is acquiring Cranfield Information Technology In-stitute (CITI) for up to a maximum £900,000 at the end of two years depending on profit levels.

ping into the red.

earnings previously.

share, compared with 0.18p

The deep recession in the

worldwide downturn in de-

mand for accessories, which

account for more than half of

the company's annual sales,

CTTI was created in 1986 by marrying academics linked to Cranfield Institute of Technology and specialists with an industrial background associated with a number of sponsoring industrial companies.

One of the CTTI specialities which Butler Cox expects to

tial CITI client list, including Milton Keynes which is British Telecom, Jaguar, Hol-land's DAF and Fokker, Abbey National and ICL

The four sponsors of CITI -British Telecom, British Petroleum, British Gas and BICC - last year considered it might be better for CITI to become part of a wider organization as it was neither wholly belonging to the Cranfield Institute nor standing alone as a commercial concern.

This led to an approach to Butler Cox last November.

within easy travelling distance of the institute. Principal and managing director of CITI is

Mr George Cox, managing director of Butler Cox, said: "CITI will extend our range and strong links will be re-tained with Cranfield university. Both the university and the industrial sponsors are keen to see the CITI concept developed further."

An advisory board for CITI will be headed by Professor There is an initial payment of Frank Hartley, Cranfield's develop is bespoke education £75,000 for the assets being vice chancellor. Courses that programmes for industrial acquired, the intention being will rank for university companies. There is a substan- for CITI to retain its base at qualification will be on offer.

Yorkshire Chemicals at £9.6m

By Jeremy Andrews

Trading conditions at York-shire Chemicals, the manufac-turer of textile dyes and tanning chemicals based in tax charge to 30 per cent and this, and a slight increase in issued capital, led to a 1 per Leeds, became more favourable as 1989 progressed and profits rose by 13 per cent to £9.6 million before tax in the year to December on sales 19 per cent up at £70 million.

cent decline in earnings per share to 36.3p. Mr Phillip Lowe, chairman, said profits would have been "considerably greater" but for a 14-week overtime ban which

Mr Lowe said future levels of corporate tax were unlikely

to restrict growth in earnings to the same extent as in 1989.

immediate outlook was good. Foreign exchange cover was in place at more favourable rates than in 1989 and the revised employment contracts should facilitate the resumption of strong productivity growth.

Outlay on capital investment and acquisitions rose to £7.2 million from £6.5 million in 1978. This was again fin-A 1.5p increase in the final dividend to 8.5p, leaves the total distribution a fifth higher disrupted the first half. The at 12p. Mr Lowe said the shareholders funds.

Largest Japanese insurer joins rush to take maximum stake

The sun rises over HK Bank

From Lulu Yu, Hong Kong

Nippon Life Insurance of Japan, the world's largest life insurance company, has become a significant I per cent shareholder in the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

The company, which accounts for about 3 per cent of Tokyo's stock market capitalization, is the third Japanese insurance company to buy the maximum permissible i per cent shareholding in Hongkong Bank.

Dai-ichi Mutual Life and Meiji Mutual Life, respectively the second and fourth largest insurance companies in Japan, have each bought a similar stake within the last 11 months, underscoring the bank's attractiveness as an invest-ment target for cash-rich Japanese

The 1 per cent stake, in the region of 52 million shares, costs a little over 6 billion

Mr George Cardona, the bank's spokesman, said it welcomed the acquisition. "We like to have such a large company as our shareholder. It dem-onstrates their confidence in us."

Under Hongkong Bank rules investors are not allowed to own more than I per cent of the shares without board approval, and no one is known to have a holding beyond that limit.

Nippon Life bought its shares through the Hong Kong stock market, but the price of the investment and the period over which the purchase took place has not been made public.

Nippon Life, which set up a repre-sentative office in Hong Kong last year, is one of a fast-growing group of Japanese investors and fund managers in the colony. At least seven others - all of them Tokyo's largest life insurance

yen (£24.2 million) at current share companies — have established branches or joint venture subsidiaries here in the

past three years.

Most of them supply their parent groups with financial information on south-east Asia. Some place orders for their parents in Tokyo, manage port-folios for clients in the colony, and make private placements for Hong Kong and international companies. They do not conduct any insurance business in the colony.

"Japanese companies are all trying to intensify investment in Hong Kong and increase their exposure to south-east Asian equity," said Mr Harnyuki Kanda, executive vice-president of Normura International (HK), the colony's largest Japanese broking and research company.

"This is a region of the fastest growth compared with Europe and the US," he

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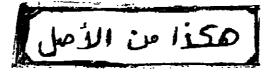
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TOKYO

Third worst fall for Nikkei as wary investors stay away

From Joe Joseph, Tokyo

third worst fall ever and its biggest slump since 1987's crash as confused and timid investors shied away from a bearish market. Thin volume and uncertainty about Japa-nese interest rates amplified the fall. The Nikkei index sank 1,161.19 points to 35,734.33.

Speculation about an imminent rise in interest rates here robbed the dollar of nearly half of its initial gains, but it still ended Y0.57 higher

Mr Robert Feldman, an economist at the Tokyo onnessor of Salomon Brothers, the US ket. Although the bond marinvestment house, said: "I ket rose yesterday on traders' don't think we should be short-covering, its recent weakness has undermined economist at the Tokyo offices decided that at current and prospective levels of Japanese terest rates the market was head of research at the Tokyo

The stock market suffered its overvalued. We think a fair branch of Barclays de Zoete third worst fall ever and its value is between 32,000 and Wedd, said: "Weddn't see any value is between 32,000 and 35,000. It's almost there now. selling panic. Volume was "The volume was low, so small. Obviously, at the mo-"The volume was low, so

it's not at all a panic. I don't ment, there are no strong think there was too much buying incentives. So prob-impact from Tuesday's Wall ably the market will stay weak. Street fall. The market is "But future falls won't be as great, perhaps pushing the market towards 35,000. The reacting to Japanese events, not international ones. Theremarket will find support at fore, the ripple effects will be limited. They will be ripples, about 35,000 and enter a period of consolidation." not waves." Worries about when the

Mr Paul Summerville, an economist at Jardine Fleming Bank of Japan might raise interest rates again to bolster Securities, said: "People are the weakening yen has dented fairly relaxed here. In the confidence in the stock marshort-term, things don't look particularly encouraging But in the long-term, this is bar-gain basement season. This market will still outperform European and American stock Mr Takeshi Yamamoto, the markets during the next two or

HONG KONG

Biggest reverse for four months

From Lais Ys, Hong Kong

in Tokyo. The Hang Seng index closed down 118.63 points, or 3.98 per cent, at the market had been strong depress the market for a

Feb 21 Feb 20 midday close

2,862.27 on a turnover of and flooded by buying orders couple more weeks."

The market suffered its sharp-est plunge in four months lion) compared with Tues-following the news of a crash day's HK\$1.74 billion. from international fund man-agers. Mr Nicholas Pang of Cresvale Far East, a broker,

Analysts said the extent of said: "The cause is entirely the fall here was surprising as external but it is bound to

(STOCK MARKET) London feels the Tokyo chill

well to the news of Tokyo's third biggest one-day drop and the further losses on Wall

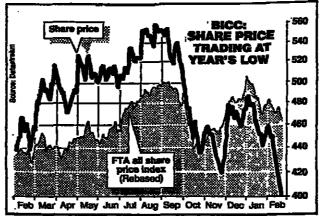
An early markdown saw the FT-SE 100 index 35 points lower before the start of official trading but, after fluctuating wildly for the rest of the day, it closed 17.3 lower at 2,259.7. The FT index of top 30 shares lost 15.2 to 1,783.8 on a turnover of 427 million

A resilient start to trading in New York enabled investors to shrug off the 1,161-point slump in the Nikkei index in Japan. Selling was easily contained by market-makers who between them account for 23 of 401p following a even encountered a few buyers per cent, have been adding to downgrading of profit estitate the cheap end. But brokers their holdings. Both of them mates by Kleinwort Benson. and fund managers are start-ing to take an increasingly by IEP which has already been bearish view of things.

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Government securities drew strength from a better start following Tuesday's performance by the West Ger- presentation for fund manman bond market to close with gains of £1/2.

GPG's two shareholders, Lord Kissin and left the price 9p lower at 305p. Mr Robert Maxwell, who



forecast of pre-tax profits for the current year from £220 million to £205 million. Last year, BICC made £156 accepted by the consortium Kleinwort Benson, the bro- banks which rescued GPG. They have been paying up to

> 10 million GPG shares traded Tate & Lyle made a firm

agers, arranged by Hoare Govett. But the appearance of biggest a parcel of 1.5 million shares BICC fell 8p to a 1990 low

Kleinwort has reduced its

million. Kleinwort made its downgrading after the dis-appointing figures overnight from Metal Manufacturing, its 61 per cent-owned Australian subsidiary. It thinks the figures underline just how exposed BICC is to the fluctuations of the Australian dollar. Kleinwort estimates that Australia now accounts

for at least 30 per cent of

operating profits.

paying particular attention to the performance in the final quarter for any signs of a There has also been talk that ICI will take the opportunity to dispose of its 25 per cent interest in Enterprise Oil. Lasmo also holds a 25 per cent stake in Enterprise, which

finished 10p cheaper at 630p, after 625p. NatWest County WoodMac, the broker, claims that Enterprise has been overbought. The group is linking-up with Gas Tranmission UK. to build a gas pipeline running from Norfolk to the Thames Estuary. WoodMac says that it will put Enterprise in direct competition with British Gas

and will only add its extensive

capital commitments. Shell eased 4p to 470p despite full-year figures showing net income rising from £2.9 billion to £3.9 billion. Dealers thought that it was an impressive performance, but were disappointed by the final dividend of 10.7p. They had been looking for between 10.8p and 11p.

Lasmo recovered an early fall to finish 9p higher at 627p after announcing plans to dispose of its North Sea oil ICI eased 9p to £10.27

ahead of today's full-year figof the Audrey Field, prospec. unes. Analysts are looking for a marginal rise in pre-tax profits tive developments on J-block and 20 exploration blocks in from £1.47 billion to £1.5 the southern, central and billion. Most of them will be northern areas of the North Sea. Companies have been invited to make an offer.

Colorell, Mr John Ashcroft's troubled soft furnishings group, continued to respond to the news of stake-building with a 1½p rise to 24p. Mercurius Gruppen, the Swedish company headed by Mr Peter Gyllenhammar. and an associate, Proventus, have built up a 5.03 per cent stake. This week Mercurius increased its stake in Phoenix Timber, unchanged at 104p, to 15 per cent and already holds a 5 per cent stake in Chloride the battery producer, down Ip at 38p.

Enrotannel recouped an early fall to end 8p better at 588p after resolving its dispute with the project's consortium of contractors, Transmanche-Link. As part of the agreement, Dr Tony Ridley will resign - just a week after being appointed project managing director — and Mr John Neerhout will replace him. The banks are now expected to allow Eurotunnel to draw on funds and pay the

Michael Clark

WALL STREET

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Dow rally after early 30 point setback

New York (Reuter) - The Dow Jones industrial average was down by 23 points at 2,573.85 in early trading after falling by more than 30 points in less than 10 minutes at the opening. A firming in bonds and light interest in battered blue chips helped shares to recover slightly from the steep

Tokyo's overnight rout of almost 1,200 points and the biggest jump in US consumer prices in seven and a half years years hit prices.

Special situations also contributed to the decline. Mr Ken Ducey, a senior vicemarker president at SG Warburg, said: "I think we're taking a breather here."

Singapore — The Straits Times industrial index fell by 50.98 points, or 3.19 per cent, 16% to 1.544.42.

Prices closed sharply lower said across the board on panic 19%. Special situations also con-

Prices closed sharply lower across the board on panic selling in reaction to the plunge in Tokyo. Turnover tose slightly to 239.8 million shares (234.4 million).

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Sy observed the All-Ordinaries index finished 6.2 down at 1,624.2 but above its low of 1,611.7. The All-Industrials index fell 4.0 to 2,513.9 and the All-Resources lost 7.4 to 943.5, under pressure from the recent rise in the 45% Australian dollar above 76 US cents.

Frankfurt — The DAX index ended 16.62 points lower at 1,807.19 after a drop of 65% 45.38 points, or 2.5 per cent, on Tuesday. Prices ended lower but above the day's lows after a rebound in bonds.

Jokannesburg — The overall share index closed at a preliminary 3,167 from Tuesday's day's 3,203. The market ended mixed-to-easier after Tuesday's gains due to little follow-through support as traders opted for caution.

registered shares to foreign buyers

and at the same time converting its participation certificates into registered shares.

But the group added that an existing rule limiting the hold-ing of a single individual or group to 2 per cent of its share capital would remain.

Ciba said the present employee share ownership plan would be further developed and top management would be encouraged to take an increased stake in Ciba-Geigy's share capital. They would obtain options depending on individual and company performance.

In November, 1988, Nestlé, the Swiss food group which took over Rowntree, broke new ground by opening its register to foreigners. It was

Ciba-Geigy, the Swiss chemi- has been at least partly decal group, is opening up its signed to prevent foreign take-registered shares to foreigners overs of Swiss firms, since registered shares are usually in the majority.

> Ciba-Geigy has 3.5 million registered shares against 750,000 bearers, which have consequently traded at a premium, and 1.1 million nonvoting participation certif-

Dealers said the market had been surprised by Ciba-Geigy's move and early prebourse trading was hectic. The two shares converged sharply. Registered shares rose Sw Fr165 (£65.20) to close at Sw Fr3,050, and bearers fell Sw Fr210, to Sw Fr3400.

Ciba-Geigy is the first of Switzerland's three main chemical firms to make the move, seen by most analysts as necessary for Swiss firms if followed soon after by Jacobs they are to remain compet-Suchard, the chocolates group. itive in a more liberal Euro-The exclusion of foreigners pean financial market.

Ciba-Geigy opens | Nymex plans gas contract

By Colin Narbrough

the same for natural gas this early April. Spring, Mr Lou Guttman, the Nymex chairman, said in London yesterday.

The Commodities and Futures Trading Commission, the regulatory authority for the industry in the United States, is due to decide on February 27 whether Nymex can go ahead with a natural

Mr Guttman said he was "very bullish" about the prospects for the new contract, if intentions reported in the market were accurate. But he stressed that Nymex was not expecting anything near the volumes traded in its crude oil contracts

Deregulation of the natural situation.

Having played a lead role in gas futures contract. If it gets gas industry during the "financializing" crude oil, the the green light, Nymex hopes Reagan administration open-New York Mercantile Ex- to have the contract up and ed the way to developing a change is hoping to start doing running on the exchange in more sophisticated market in the commodity in the US, including a derivatives mar-

> Mr Guttman said that after a study of the scope for a natural gas futures contract appeared to be leading nowhere, Nymex decided to take a more proactive interest which has led to the present

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Wool chief's investment call

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Wool textile manufacturers, despite difficult trading conditions, need to continue pumping in investment to keep the industry competitive.

This call came from Mr David Blackburn, president of the Confederation of British Wool Textiles, at the trade body's annual meeting.

Undoubtedly the industry had problems because high interest rates had caused a

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The British textile industry spending, said Mr Blackburn, yond," he said. But a top but he went on: "There is no priority was to recruit more

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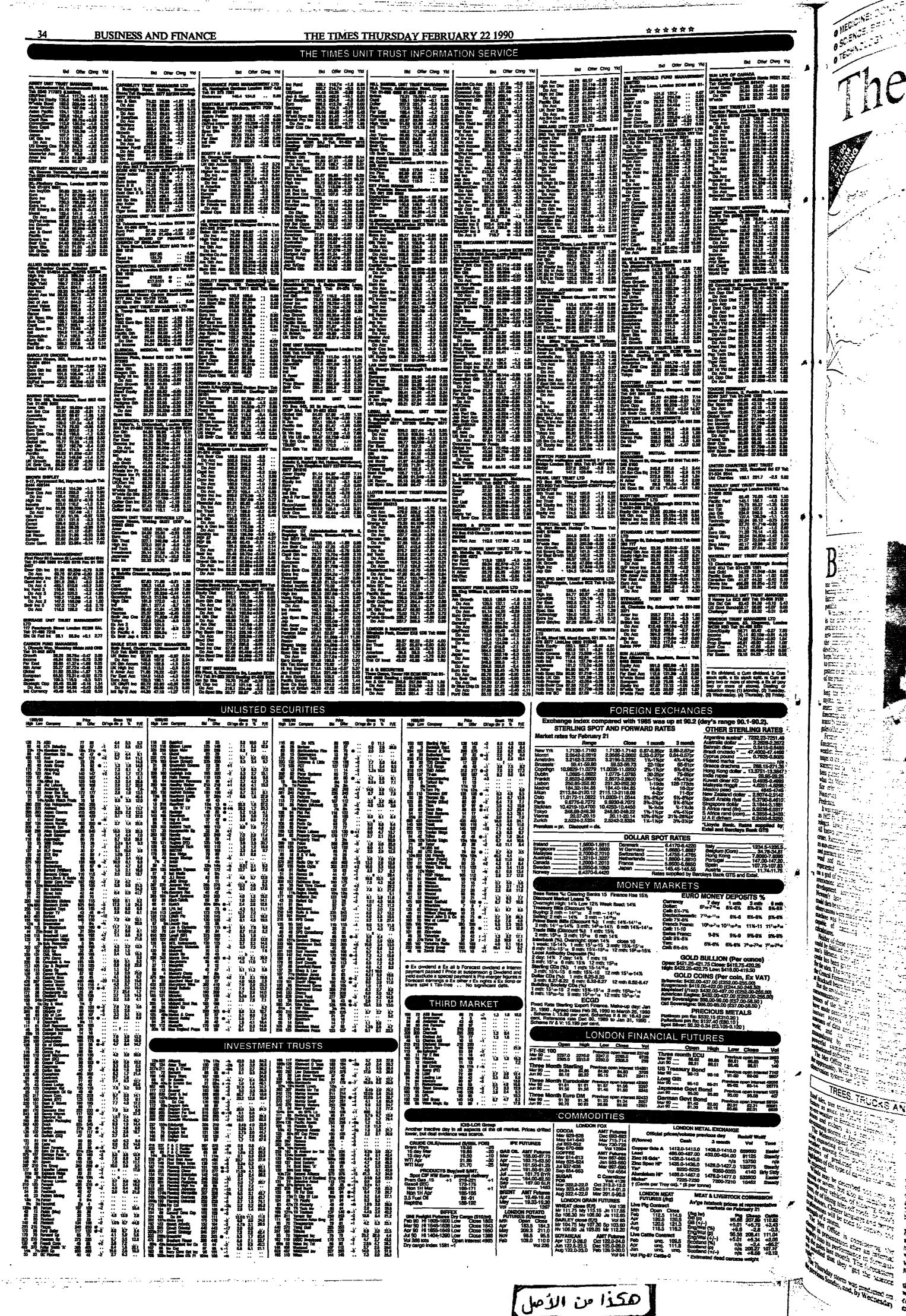
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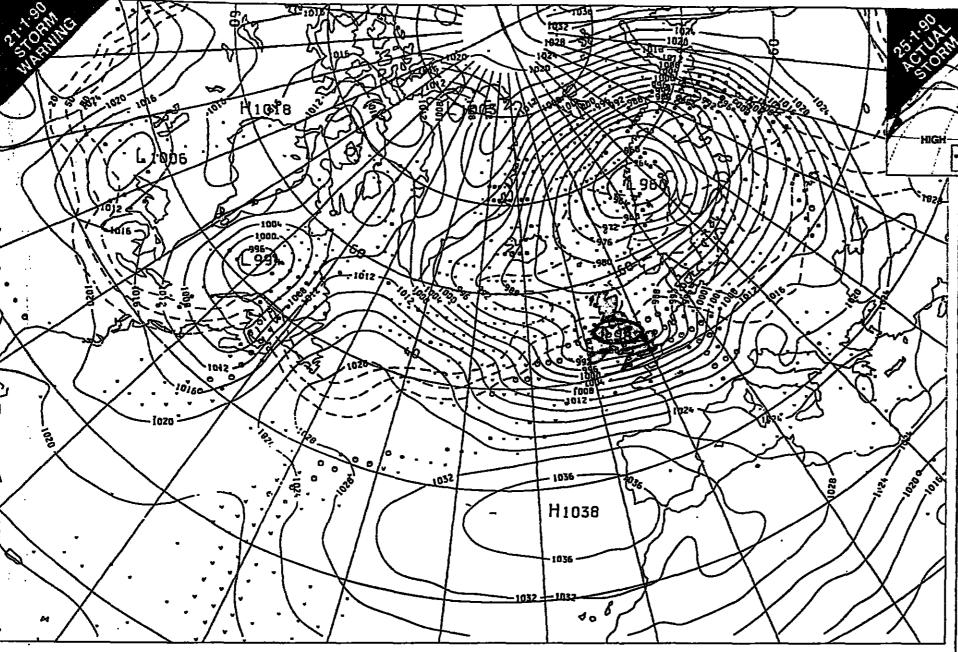


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The men in the eye of the storm



casters are looking forward eagerly to getting their hands on an extra day in the future. They will not be bending time, merely looking further ahead than now possible. With a new computer which

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is the fastest commercially available in the world, and a new mathematical model of the atmosphere specially developed to run on it, they hope, later this year, to be able to predict the general weather pattern six days ahead instead of the present five.

Describing the future, so long the province of the mystic, has come true in recent years of weather forecasting, and is well illustrated by the case of the great gales of January 25 (see right). Former methods of

forecasting our changeable weather, from seaweed and tinges in the joints to keenly scanning the sky, have now been pushed firmly aside by what the Meteorological Of-fice refer to as NWP — Numerical Weather Prediction.

It was suggested as long ago as 1922 by a British meteorologist, Lewis Richardson. All known atmospheric processes, Richardson said, such as movements in temperature and pressure and incidence of wind and rain, could be represented mathematically on a grid of the globe. Their interactions and subsequent development according to Newton's laws of motion could then be shown if enough observations were made and a machine was built that was capable of handling the

calculations. Neither of these conditions could be fulfilled in Richardson's lifetime, although full son's incrime, aimough him fully with fewer observa-for the idea. The wing housing tions," he says. for the idea. The wing housing the Central Forecasting Office at Bracknell bears his name. But the revolutions in tele-

communications and electronics of the last 30 years have made possible both the instant access of huge ther services, ships, planes, amounts of data around the balloons and satellites, and manipulating by extremely powerful computers and sophisticated software.

How accurate are predictions from the Met Office? Weatherman Colin Flood (left),

explains to Michael McCarthy

how the world's fastest computer

and complex mathematics will give them six days advance warning

of the atmosphere - one of the

One of only six in the world, the global model consists of a These giant computer pro- grid of 23,000 points over the grams, vast though they are, surface of the Earth at a are, of necessity, incomplete:

150km intervals, repeated up
to give a full picture of what is
through the atmosphere at 15 going on in the whole of the different levels, giving a total Earth's atmosphere would re- of 345,000 points on which quire an infinite amount of atmospheric processes such as data. But they work.

"We're not trying to torecast every individual shower,"
Colin Flood, the Met Office's

Colin Flood, the Met Office's

more detailed grid is used for the fine mesh model, covering a much smaller area. It consists of 4,000 points, again repeated at 15 levels up through the atmosphere for a total of 60,000, points, this time at 75km intervals.

global model is used. "At that distance you have to know what the weather will be like over the complete globe to know what it will be like in shorter and more detailed forecasts, up to 36 hours, which provide the basis for the media's regular British fore-casts, the fine mesh model is

On average, about 12,000 pieces of new data enter weather forecasting is about Bracknell every time the nothing else. "It's about global model is run (with about 2,500 for the fine mesh); this is far too many for humans to input into the main CDC Cyber 205 computer, so the job is done by another

correct the impression that

people as well," he says. "It's a man-machine mix. We get a

better performance from using

both man and machine than

we would from using either in

to interpret computer fore-

casts, applying knowledge of

lakes or a range of hills are

Flood took The Times on a

tour of the Central Forecasting

Office, which feels like a war

likely to affect weather pat-

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computer, an IBM 3084Q. The global model is run twice a day, and, progressing in steps of 15 minutes at a how local features such as time, it takes about an hour to map out the weather mathematically for the next five terns, and for spotting indays, as accurately as it was correct data. mapping out the next 24 hours 10 years ago. For each 15 minutes of the forecast, the Cyber, the fastest machine in room with its definite air of the world when the Met Office tension. At the first screen was give it a helping hand. bought it in 1981, solves about

1.5 million equations.

Bracknell version is capable of 800 million floating point operations a second) there are machines that are now much faster. The Met Office has just bought a Cray YMP 8/32, the fastest computer on the market. For an outlay of more than £5 million, the Met Office has a piece of hardware four times faster than the Cyber, capable of 2.5 to 3 bil-lion calculations a second. The weathermen have designed a new and more complex numerical model of the

atmosphere to run on it. This model, now undergoing trials, is known as the "unified" model because it will be used to predict long term climate change that could be brought about by the greenhouse effect, as well as to forecast the weather. At present a separate model is needed for climate change prediction on the Cyber.

Dr Mike Cullen, leader of the design team, is confident it will provide a specific bonus when it comes into full operation in the autumn.
"I would hope that the new

model in forecasting the wea-For the longer range fore-casts - up to five days - the standard of about six days, as ther map would give us a opposed to the five we cur-rently achieve" he says. "We forecast to Thursday from Sunday lunchtime with some confidence. The Thursday Sunday before. We are looking for a gain of an extra day."

Although many observa-tions, combined with massive computer power, can predict the future, Flood hastens to MODELS REMOVE THE GUESSWORK

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Proof that prediction of the future has moved from fantasy to fact: this chart produced by the Meteorological Office computer at midnight on Saturday, January 20, clearly shows the great storm of Thursday, January 25, five and a half days before it struck and two days before it even came into existence. The chart, produced by running the computer's mathematical model of the whole of the world's atmosphere (the global or "coarse mesh" model), shows the predicted weather for noon on January 25: a low of 982 millibars centred over the

Next to it (above), is the chart from The Times of the weather that actually occurred at noon that Thursday: a low over the British Isles (actually slightly deeper at 968 millibars). This low, which was not born until Tuesday January 23 - and then, far out inthe Atlantic - was tracked ahead by Met Office forecasters at their Bracknell headquarters

By Wednesday, it could be more clearly defined on the higher-resolution model of a more finely-focussed part of the North Atlantic region (the "fine mesh model"), which predicts weather up to 36 hours ahead and is used as the basis for British media forecasts.

The likely violence of the winds could then be clearly

The successful prediction of the January 1990 storm has caused a certain amount of quiet satisfaction at Bracknell after the barrage of criticism the forecasters received for their failure to predict the

The Met Office's ageing supercomputer, a Cyber 205, dating from 1981, was also doubled in power while a

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seen and the Met Office began issuing serious storm

great storm of October 1987. The 1987 miss, according to the Government's

independent report, was caused by a combination of inaccuracy in the computer predictions and a failure of the forecasters to compensate for this. As a result, more frequent runs of the numerical models were brought in, and forecasters were retrained in the latest computer science developments.

COMPUTER OVERHAUL

forecast, with the wind

Nick Ricketts had spotted

an observation sent in from a

Delta Airlines Jumbo at

35,000ft over the Aleutian

Islands off Alaska: the wind at

85 knots, 158 degrees - from

the south east. Every other

arrow in that area on his screen showed winds from just

south of west. "It should have

It is reassuring to know that when the world's fastest com-

puter starts forecasting our

weather later this year, there

will be somebody around to

In the pipeline...

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new computer was brought in, with a new and more complex numerical model created to run on it. "We do not take satisfaction in natural disasters," Colin Flood, the man in charge of forecasting, says. been 258 degrees," he said. "It was probably garbled in transmission. We'll just ignore it."

"But I think it is true to say that we are pleased that our professional skills have been vindicated." Flood says the chart on the left is remarkable in the success it represents. This cannot always be repeated by the mathematical models, even with the computer power now available. "I don't want people to think that we can get it as right as that every time," he says.



the World Meteorological Organization, it has become possible to build mathematical models of the whole atmosphere (or of part of it), feed in what is happening at a given moment and see hear a contract of the second or mesh model of the North Atlantic area. given moment, and see how it

Divisional Director of Forecasting Services, says. He is the man responsible for weather forecasting in Britain.
"The weather systems we are trying to forecast are typically 100 to 200 miles across and can be represented success-

Observations by the thousands pour into Bracknell every hour down the special communications lines from points all over the world, carried out by national weaworld, and its complex coded numerically so they can London," Flood says. For be read independently of different languages.

In the Sixties office block in the Berkshire new town, these The Met Office has seized the opportunity. With a global observations are regularly fed observation system set up by into two mathematical models preferred.

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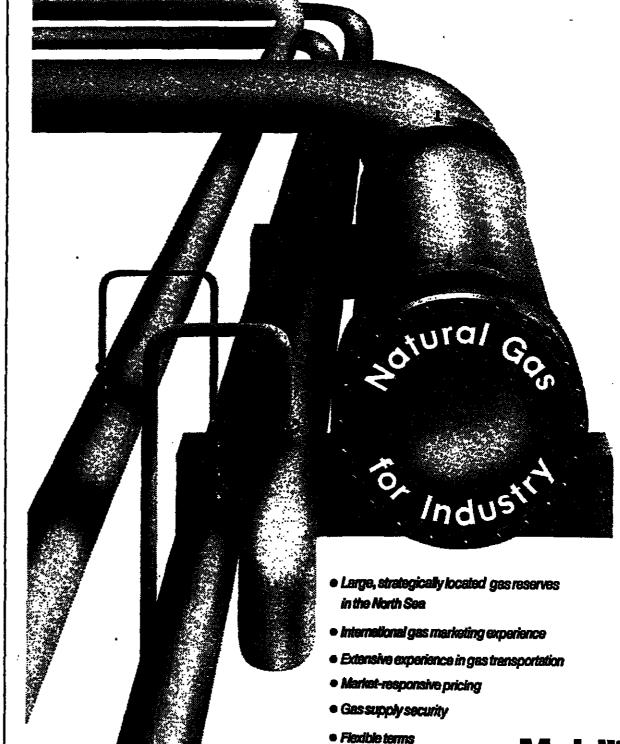
specific references to the effects of the predicted storm.

"I think we need to include more of the effects of weather on people," he says. "We need to know, and to say: what sort of wind speed causes a slate to come off a roof? What causes a roof to come off? What wind speed causes a tree, or a highsided vehicle to topple over?" Flood is setting up a project to bring

together the information, much of which has already been researched by the Forestry Commission, the Road Research Laboratory and the Building Research Establishment.

The information is likely to be available for use in forecasts from later this year. Flood says the Met Office's predictions

can be remarkably accurate now. The success in forecasting the January 25 storm was an example of predicting a weather system which had not come into existence. "A lot of people seem to have the impression that we just find a system in the Atlantic and track it across."



Roof tiles, tree trunks and lorries may feature as much in future forecasts of severe weather in Britain as depressions, fronts and isobars, as a result of the devastating storms in January.

The Meteorological Office is considering expanding its forecasts of severe weather, moving from purely scientific previews of predicted conditions to highlights of the type of damage that can be expected.

Winds may be described not only as strong or severe, but also as capable of blowing over vehicles, of blowing down trees, or of lifting tiles off roofs, or roofs from houses. Clearer language and better explanations will be used to convey the strength of a storm.

The Met Office is considering the change in presentation after an internal inquiry into its performance in forecasting the gales last month. The forecasters are satisfied that they "got the science



night, its likely severity was known and flashed to the media. But the question is: did people get the message? Did people appreciate that the coming storm meant falling trees and, possibly, damage to

Colin Flood, the operational head of Britain's weather forecasting, thinks the warning might have been hammered home more effectively. "We got the warning out on time to the media," he says, "It's a question of whether it was highlighted when it was there."

The BBC and ITN have been asking the same question, and after discussions with both organizations, Flood and his The Thursday storm was predicted on the previous Sunday, and, by Wednesday circumstances may need reinforcing by

A search for the perfect match The case of the

The life of a young boy depends on a 'needle in a haystack' bid to find a bone marrow donor.

Thomson Prentice tells

how donors are screened

esearchers at the world's biggest register of potential bone marrow transplant donors are engaged in a life-saving quest this week, on behalf of a boy struck by leukaemia. The odds are stacked against Simon Flavell, aged nine. In a cruel coincidence, he suffers from the same rare form of the disease that his parents, both cancer specialists, have been

investigating for years. Already, more than 135,000 blood samples from possible donors have been screened at the Anthony Nolan Research Centre, based at the Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead, north west London. But a perfect match remains

Bone marrow transplants only succeed fully when the patient and donor have identical tissue types. Simon's case is more complex because he is Eurasian: his father is British, his mother Thai. "This means we are looking for a smaller needle in a bigger haystack," Richard Holman, laboratory manager at the centre,

Leukaemia is a primary disorder of the bone marrow stem cell. Instead of dividing and producing the cellular elements of the blood in an orderly way, the leukaemic cell reproduces itself many times, but there is no ensuing production of normal red cells, white cells and Sufferers become anaemic and vulnerable to

infections and the risk of bleeding. In two thirds of cases, the condition can be cured by chemotherapy, but Simon belongs in the unfortunate third for whom a transplant is the only alternative.

Tissue-typing the samples involves defining all the different proteins, or antigens, present on the cells of body tissues.

White blood cells, or leucocytes, have virtually the same surface antigens as many other tissues, including bone marrow. The human leucocyte antigen system (HLA) has at least five different subsystems, each containing up to 20 different antigen types.

Thus, the number of possible permutations is enormous, and a perfect match between patient and donor is crucial before a transplant

To tissue-type a prospective donor, a blood sample is taken. In the laboratory, the red and white cells are separated and then reacted with specific proteins or antisera that recognize the different leucocyte antigens.

Scientists observe the pattern of reactivity of the donor's white cells, and obtain a precise statement of the donor's HLA tissue type. The results are then recorded on the centre's computer data base which is searched when a request is received for a donor with a given

tissue type.

The final stage of the process is to confirm the accuracy of the match. White blood cells from the patient and the prospective donor are collected on the same day and mixed in a test

After a five-day incubation period, the cells are examined to see if they are compatible. If so, the donor is requested to donate bone marrow so that the transplant can go ahead.

The marrow is taken from the donor under general anaesthetic in an operation lasting

about one hour. Marrow cells are collected with a syringe from the cavity of the hip bone and the sternum, or breast bone. No surgical incision is involved, and the donor usually spends a further day in hospital for recuperation. The cells which have been removed are replaced from the body's reserves within a few weeks.

We are working overtime to find a donor for Simon," Richard Holman says. "His life is at stake and we are still hopeful that among the large number of Eurasian donors now coming ward, a perfect match will be found."

imon's father, Dr David Flavell, and mother, Dr Sopsamorn Flavell, are leukaemia researchers at Southampton General Hospital. "We are enormously grateful to the centre for the efforts it is making." David Flavell says.
The Anthony Nolan Research Centre has

arranged 260 transplants so far and last year helped patients in 15 countries. The centre was set up in 1974 and named after Anthony Nolan, then aged two, who was born in Australia but whose parents brought him to England in search of a bone marrow transplant to cure his rare condition. No suitable donor was found and he died in 1979, at the age of

Although the centre is the world's biggest register of potential donors, it receives no financial support from the National Health Service, and is funded by a charity of the same name. Today its staff work in temporary cabins in the grounds of the Royal Free Hospital, and the project is desperately short

 Potential bone marrow donors or those wanting to make a financial contribution to the centre should contact the Anthony Nolan Research Centre, the Royal Free Hospital, Pond Street, Hampstead, London NW2 2QG.



Quest for life: a researcher screens donors while (inset) Simon and his parents wait and hope

SCIENCE REPORT

missing pulsar

to have been there in the first place. In a surprise announcement at the American Association for the Advancement of Science meeting in New Orleans, John astronomer Middleditch revealed that the source of the pulsar's

signal came not from the heavens, but from interfer-ence from laboratory equipment closer to home. Giant stars often end their lives explosively as

ter into space. The remnant of the star's core, still very massive, colown weight to become a neutron then the San but only a few miles across. If the neutron star rotates

and has a magnetic field, it will send energetic radio pulses across the sky, in the same way that rotating lighthouses illuminate the surrounding seas. Rotating nentron stars are called pulsars, short for "pulsating stars", and the frequency at which a pulsar's radio beams sweep the sky is a measure of how fast it is spinning.

A supernova in a nearby galaxy in January, 1987 an event catalogued as SN1987A - generated excitement on Earth, because it was the first nearby supernova to have been observed since the invention of the telescope.

Astronomers eagerly watched the dusty remnant for signs of a pulsar, and, on January 18 last year, Middleditch and 14 colleagues believed they had found one Nature (vol. 338, pp. 234-236; 16 March 1989). Radio signals from a putative pulsar were recorded for just seven hours, but then disappeared: they have not been seen again.

supernova SN1987A has been solved – it never seems speed: 1968.629 times per second. Several pulsars are known with rotation rates of the order of millisecon but the rotation of the new

star outpaced even these. Nobody could explain how a star could rotate so rapidly and yet still remain in one piece. Explanations have been many and varied (Science Report, March 23

But most researchers were more puzzled by its disappearance. At the conference, Middleditch was to discuss reasons for the palsar's continned absence, and took the opportunity to reveal that

the 1968Hz signal may have come from a piece of observatory apparates rather than SN1987A. When the radio telescope was pointed at the well-known pulsar in the Crab Nebula, the same

That both pulsars happened to be resonating at exactly the same frequency at the same time was implausible. This was admitted by Sol Perimutter of the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory in California, one of Middleditch's colleagues involved in the pulsar's discovery. It is more likely that the source was artificial rather than natural: researchers are still checking the equipment for the source of the signal. One cause could have been a part of the guidance system that com-

The news is disapr in one sense, but Perlmatte and his colleagues take heart from the fact that the pulsar, real or apparent, provided the impetus for the rapid development of those areas of astrophysics to explain its behaviour.

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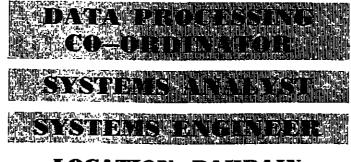


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AMERICAN SCIENCE ON A BIG SCALE

Profiting from the name game

illboard-sized name badges that can be read at 20 paces are the hallmark of an American convention. Although they may seem incidental, the identity tags pinned to 5,000 delegates at the 156th annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, meeting in New Orleans this week, provided a clear, if simple, illustration of the difference between the United States organization and its UK cousin, the British Association for the Advancement of

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The difference in scale was marked by audiences which packed into commercial conference halls, attached to hotels, each capable of seating 1,000 or more people.

Last Monday night, the 3,500-seater Grand Ballroom of the Hilton Hotel had standing room only for Sally Ride, America's first woman astronaut and now professor of physics at the University of California at San Diego.

She addressed the gathering on a plan, devised by a working group she chaired for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's latest space venture, Mission to Planet Earth, which is part of an international environment research programme to monitor the planet from a new series of spacecraft.

There is more than a difference in scale between the selling of science American-style and the British way. The US organization is a powerful publishing operation. Its membership of 132,000 has much to do with the fact that it comes as part of a subscription to Science, the association's weekly journal.

The counterpart British organization has a university-based annual meeting, which visits a different campus each year. It has made the public understanding of science its main thread over the past few years. The American organization deliberately chooses

places that are likely to attract delegates for reasons beyond attending the conference. Hence the meeting in New Orleans: belle of the southern States, birthplace of jazz and home of a Mardi Gras festival from January 6 until next Tuesday.

However, there are common problems for those seeking to promote the cause of science. Indeed, Sir Klaus Moser, president of the British association, has told his opposite number, Professor Richard Atkin-son, of moves in the UK over the past few years to reach a younger audience through the British Association for Young Scientists.

tkinson, who is also chancellor of the University of A California at San Diego, predicts a "human resources crisis in science" and says the shortage of qualified scientists and engineers is more threatening than recent restrictions on research spending.

The gap between demand and supply for scientists and engineers at all degree levels is expected to be 500,000 by the end of this decade.

But delegates to the meeting arrived to hear some encouraging news - a Bush administration proposal for a 7 per cent increase in selected areas of science and technology spending, bringing a total of \$68 billion (£40 billion) next year.

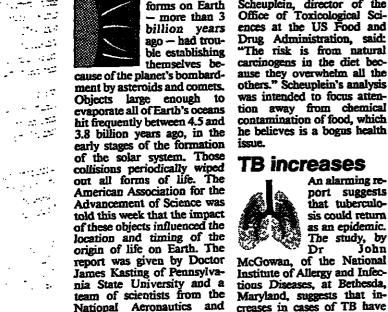
Science gains most with space administration getting a \$2.8 billion (£1.6 billion) increase to start construction an

international space station. The National Institutes of Health get an increase barely sufficient to keep pace with inflation, although this includes a modest boost for Aids-related research.

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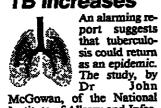
Space Adminstration (Nasa). Nature's risk

Nature's own cancer-causing chemicals that are an unavoidable part of foods represent a greater health danger than pesticides and other pollutants, a health official warned the association. An estimate by the United States Food and Drug Administra-tion concluded that more than 98 per cent of the cancer risk in the diet comes from ordinary foods - not from countries".

BRIEFING additives, poisons or other man-made contributions to the tood chain. Dr Robert Scheuplein, director of the - more than 3 Office of Toxicological Sci-

ences at the US Food and Drug Administration, said: "The risk is from natural carcinogens in the diet because they overwhelm all the others." Scheuplein's analysis was intended to focus attention away from chemical contamination of food, which

TB increases



An alarming report suggests that tuberculosis could return as an epidemic.

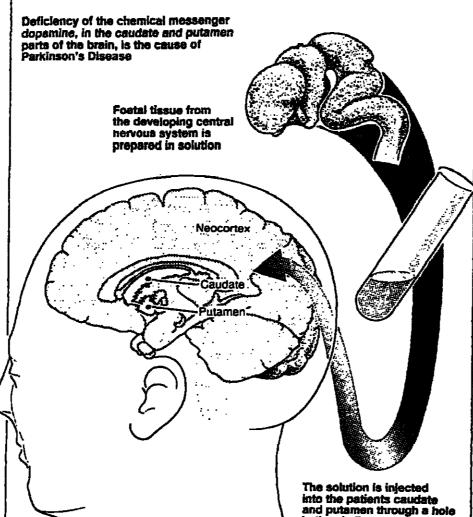
Institute of Allergy and Infec-tious Diseases, at Bethesda, Maryland, suggests that increases in cases of TB have already begun in the United States and are linked directly to infection by the virus that can lead to Aids. TB is easily spread in crowded conditions. such as on public transport and in overcrowded living conditions. Dr William Haseltine, of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, in Boston told the assocation that the threat was a "major public health problem imposed on beleaguered inner western cities and Third World

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emarkable progress is shown, on video tapes made at sixmonthly intervals over the past two years, in the condition of a 40year-old woman given a brain implant to treat Parkinson's disorder, a disease that causes uncontrollable tremors and lack of balance, usually found in older people.

The woman has responded best among 18 people given implants of tissue taken from the adrenal glands. The object of the implant is to make up for a deficiency in the brain of one of its chemical messengers: donamine.

The treatment was reported to the American Association for the Advancement of Science, by Professor George Allen, head of the department of neurosurgery at Vanderbilt University Medical Centre, in Nashville, Tennessee. He said that more research was needed to establish the effectiveness system. of brain implants, whether they were of the adrenal meduliary tissues, such as he had used, or tissue taken from 10 to 14-week-old foctuses, which other groups have used.

Allen, who has performed the most implant operations for Parkinson's disease in the world, was setting out the medical position before a tissue can be used to cure a

Scientists weigh the value and ethics of foetal

discussion began on the ethics of foetal tissue implants.

tissue implants

It is a question every counpast 10 years, it has been and Yugoslavia. shown that brain damage and damage to other parts of the central nervous system can be regenerated. Substances called growth factors can induce nerve cells to reproduce, making transplantation of neural

tissue possible. Those discoveries contradicted previous assumptions regarding the irreversibility of damage to the central nervous

Several hundred patients have undergone treatment of Parkinson's. Although many scientists believe the application of these findings have great potential for treating neurological disorders, many ethical issues arise.

What happens if medical research shows that foetal

range of diseases and dis-orders such as diabetes, Parkinson's, Alzheimers, leukaemia or quadraplegia? Transplants have been

successful in animal experiments, and scientists are close to adapting animal testing to humans, using tissue from aborted foetuses.

Experiments in human foetal cell transplants have been tried in the US, Australia, It is a question every coun-try will eventually have to Hungary, India Italy, Mexico, address. In Britain over the Soviet Union, Sweden, Britain

A possible solution to the major ethical problem of using foetal tissue has been proposed by Professor Fred Gage, the head of neurosciences at the University of California in San Diego.

His group has experimented with genetically engineered cells, grown in the laboratory, which can be designed to produce the missing chemical messenger that is missing.

He reported preliminary findings of experiments with mice and the production of dopamine, that suggested that laboratory-made cells could provide a source of implants. But he said the idea was several years away from any realistic attempt at human implantation.

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Float or flop for sky cruiser? Plan to stem

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reports on the airship, which has set sail in a new era of possible military and leisure uses

t is make or break time for Airship Industries — a prime force in a revival of the airship. Is the modern airship about to fly into big profits or to suffer the fate of the dinosaur, finding itself too big, too unwieldy and too costly to survive?

The company stands on a knife-edge: several large projects are still uncertain and the leading backer, Alan Bond, the Australian businessman, is in financial trouble and unable to fund further development. Yet Admiral Ned Hogan, chief executive of Airship In-dustries, is confident that the company is about to make a lot of

A project to build airships in Saudi Arabia in collaboration with British Aerospace and a local consortium is said to be reaching the final stages of negotiation.

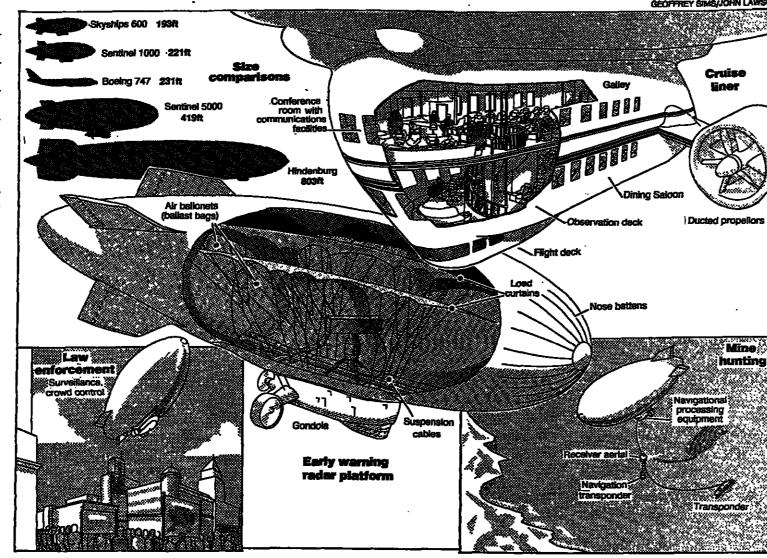
Last week at an air show in Singapore, the company unveiled a new ship, the Sentinel 1000, which will be the biggest ever built when it makes its first flight in the United States later this year.

But it is unlikely to hold the record for long, being only half the size of a huge airship, the Sentinel 5000, that the same company is building in partnership with the big defence contractor Westinghouse. It is planned to carry early warning radars to protect US naval forces. Several other uses for airships are under consideration.

● Admiral Hogan was in the US last week, making a final presentation in his attempt to sell airships to the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) to detect and intercept drug-running speedboats approaching the US coast from South America.

• Airships are being promoted as a a method of coastal surveillance and crowd control.

Airships could be used as minesweepers, either towing a sweep through the water or acting as mother ship to a robot minesweeping submarine. An airship could clear a channel in half the time of a helicopter or a minesweeping ship,



is invulnerable to the mines, and able to reach the scene quickly. • The Sentinel 5000 would be big enough to become a "cruise liner of the skies", carrying 70 people in luxury, in a three-deck gondola with spacious dining room, saloon and

A firm commitment on any of these projects would transform Airship Industries from a company with a promising technology and a huge debt burden to a company with a future.

observation deck.

The technology is impressive. The AI airships are totally different from the Zeppelins of 60 years ago. They were rigid airships, a huge ribcage of aluminium girders supporting a bag or envelope filled with explosive hydrogen.

The modern airship is a blimp, a non-rigid envelope inflated with safe, non-toxic, non-explosive helium. The envelope is made of a

new plastic laminate, a sandwich with a plastic fabric on the inside, a polyurethane coating loaded with titanium dioxide on the outside to prevent attack by ultraviolet rays, and two plastic films on the inside to prevent the escape of the helium gas. Less than 10 per cent of the gas escapes in a year, it is claimed.

A gondola made partly of Kevlar, a strong, lightweight plastic also used for bulletproof body armour, hangs beneath the envelope. It contains the cabin and the two Porsche engines.

ilots control the ship by computer, linked to the control surfaces and pumps by optical fibres, a "fly by light" system, developed in Britain by GEC. Optical fibres are immune to the effect of lightning strikes. The airship goes up and down by

making the volume of the helium gas greater or less. The greater the volume, the faster the balloon goes up. The volume is changed by inflating small balloons inside the envelope with air. On the ground,

Current airships, the 500 and 600 series, are seen in the skies over Britain as advertising blimps. They are nearly 200ft long and 50ft wide, containing 235,000 cu ft of helium. Maximum speed is about 100mph and the maximum load exceeds two

the airship is tethered to a mast.

The new Sentinel 1000 will be 221ft long and contain 354,000 cu ft of gas. Payload will be substantially increased, but the main advantage of the bigger size will be the greater height it will be able to reach, 8,000ft, and the greater endurance.

That is just a prelude to the Sentinel 5000, which can carry up to 70 passengers. However, the ship

under development for Westinghouse will be carrying an early warning radar platform.

It will be 425ft long and capable of operating at 10,000ft, at speeds of more than 150 mph, and staying on station for a month if regularly refuelled. The airship's envelope is planned to contain a phased-array radar capable of detecting incoming missiles and aircraft hundreds of miles away, and tracking them.

The fact that the airship is such a large, slow-moving object seems to make it vulnerable, but this is misleading. The plastic envelope is practically invisible to radar, and "stealth" materials applied to the gondola will make it very discreet.

Even if a missile pierces the envelope, it will simply pass through. The hole would need to be over 15ft in diameter before the airship needed to worry about hurrying home.

brain drain

Merit schemes are being used to help keep IT staff in

the public sector

pecial schemes intro-duced by the Government duced by the cover qualified to retain its qualified information technology staff are not enough to prevent severe shortages in some

The Department of Social Security is trying to convince the Treasury to let it introduce merit awards for individuals and project teams in a bid to stem the flow of high-level IT staff leaving for the betterpaid private sector.

Just under 10,000 IT staff work for the Civil Service, with the Ministry of Defence employing some 1800, the DSS, 1700 and the Inland Revenue, about 1300.

But many are trainees and often leave to work for commercial firms once they have gained marketable skills. Surveys show that the average salary for IT develop staff is just over £14,000 which is below average.

To tackle this problem, the

Civil Service is offering its IT staff improved training, career promotion prospects and a bonus scheme aimed at attracting short-term contractors.

The Government has removed the requirement that IT staff must sit the standard Civil Service exams before they can be hired. This matches the system for other specialists, sach

IT staff no longer have to prove their efficiency at other administrative skills, but can be promoted on programming

The Treasury's IT body, the Central Computer and Telecommunications Agency, says the Civil Service is recruiting enough IT staff, but has a problem getting the required level of specialist skills in the right location.

For example, it is difficult to recruit software engineers in

computer-services companies are bidding for the same skills. To attract short-term contractors, who tend to shun the public sector, a performance bonus of up to 40 per cent of 01-481 4481

annual salary is being offered. But such bonuses have an-gered the public-sector unions, which say that permanent staff cannot receive such grand bonnses and that the cash would be better spent on developing the existing staff's

While the grading and pay structures are being amended, other departments are handing over system-development work to computer-services

Tom McCafferty, president of the Computing Services Association, says that government investment with privatesector companies is still "pitifully low" but is increasing dramatically. He says that this is in line

with the Government's commitment to contract out a third of public-sector procure-ment for IT on the basis of a

"trade not aid" policy.
The DSS's £1.7 billion Operational Strategy, which is said to be the largest computerization project in the world, is a case in point. The plan is to create three computer centres to handle the payment of income support and pensions.

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The first of these is due to open in Livingstone, Lothian, in 1991 and the Government decided to contract out the project to the private sector in order to introduce "competitive pressure".

Electronic Data Syste won the contract for the first two centres. An unusual feature of the plan is that EDS is recruiting IT staff from the DSS with the backing of the department.

Government departments are also forming skills partnerships with private-se firms to make up the shortfall? of senior professionals in the public sector. HM Customs &. Excise has this year signed up with BIS Applied Systems and Logics for a foor-year period to redevelop the VAT system.

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This might seem an extravagant term for a group of buildings clustered alongside a railway via-duct on an unattractive stretch of London's riverside. However it is undeniable that for millions of people the Dogs Home Battersea has come to symbolize man's care and compassion for his fellow creatures, even though the fact that such an institution is needed at all is also an indictment of his cruelty and neglect.

The home's reputation has

spread far beyond Britain's shores. It has supporters in many other countries and, among the thou-sands of legacies it has received, one of the most remarkable was a gift of £140,000 from an anonymous donor in Switzerland.

Inevitably, it also has its critics. The thought of hundreds of animals caged in wire pens can, and does, upset many people who have closed their minds to the alternatives. But, on the whole, good will far exceeds criticism, and in the "dog days" that follow Christmas and the New Year many a news-starved editor has been only too happy to be supplied with a

story about an abandoned puppy. While sentiment may be good for publicity, the fact is that the home provides an essential service in keeping the streets of London free of a potential menace to public health and safety. In many Third World countries the menace is only too obvious; some years ago the writer arrived in Trinidad



Today Prince Michael of Kent

launches a £2

million appeal

for the Dogs

Home Battersea,

its first call for

help in 130 years late at night in the middle of a curfew. Hundreds of stray dogs were roaming the otherwise silent

and empty streets. It was a disturbing sight. Battersea's administrators are constantly on the defensive against suggestions that dogs rounded up and brought to the home are routinely destroyed. The notorious recent advertisement published by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to

dogs, provoked a serious breach in "The RSPCA really shot themselves in the foot," Tom Field-Fisher QC, the chairman of the home's management committee, says. "It infuriated animal lovers, and gave a totally distorted pic-

Animals, showing a heap of dead

advertisement has since been rejected by the Advertising Standards Authority.
In a sense the RSPCA was right.

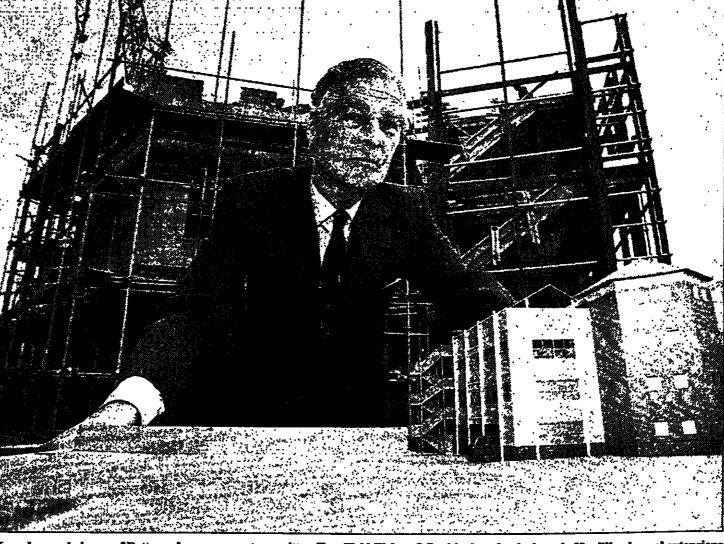
Only about 14 per cent of the dogs by their owners. About half the remainder are found new homes and the rest are put down. In 1988, out of a total of 22,236 dogs for which the home found itself responsible, 9,232 were eventually destroyed.

But the staff are committed to "re-homing" as many animals as it can. The home is under a statutory obligation to keep every dog for seven days after it is brought in; if it is not claimed within that period it becomes the home's property.

At that stage a dog may be put down if it is considered too old or sick to have a realistic chance of a happy future with a new owner, if it is suffering from an infectious disease which threatens the health of other animals in the home, or if it is too dangerous to be offered for sale. The rest are kept, often for several months; some have found new owners after a year or more in

Mary Tealby opened her home Holloway, North London, in 1860; 11 years later it was moved to Battersea, where it has remained since. Two days after Christmas 1885, General Sir Henry Ponsonby, Queen Victoria's private secretary, wrote a letter in which he "humbly begs leave to ask if Your Majesty will be pleased to become a Patron of

the Lost Dogs Home?" The reply was immediate. "Most certainly. No one loves dogs more than the Queen or



would wish to do more to promote their comfort and happiness. They

are man's truest friends." Victoria's great-great-grandaughter, frequently depicted with her beloved corgis, has retained royal interest in the home and is its present patron. Its president is Prince Michael of Kent, who will launch today's appeal for £2 million to pay for a new kennel block, the first time in the home's 130-year history that it has invited public donations on a large scale.

Traditionally, most of the cost of running the home - now about £1.5 million a year — is met by the income from legacies and investments. About £250,000 comes from its contract with the Metropolitan Police, which is responsible for rounding up strays and for paying for their food and accommodation during the first seven days. A further £250,000 comes from the sale of dogs to new

bout 70,000 people visit the home every year. Most are potential purchasers. But the staff maintain a rigid "vetting" procedure to ensure that any would-be purchaser is "a fit and proper person" to be a dog

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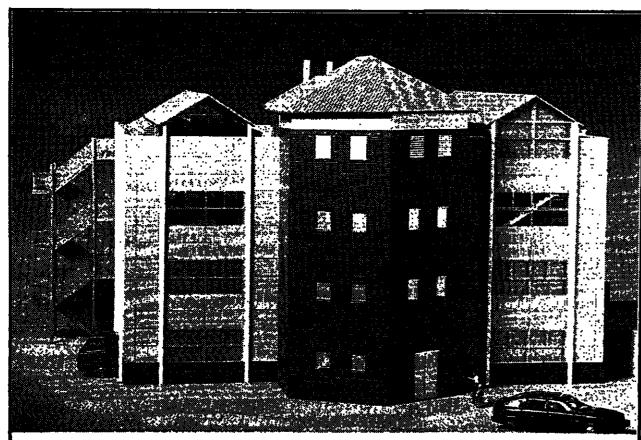
more subsequent visits to ensure that the animal is being properly cared for. There are about nine visitors for every dog sold; obviously, if the ratio could be improved, fewer dogs would have to be destroyed. But the management is determined to minimize the risk of an animal being maltreated or abandoned for a second time.

The purchase price is normally set at about £25, a figure intended not only to enable the home to recover at least part of its costs, but also to prevent a dog being resold at a profit or, worse, being bought by a dealer for sale to an animal experimentation laborat-

Since the home was founded. more than 2.5 million dogs have received food and shelter. The numbers taken in each year rose fairly steadily during most of the 1980s, although there has been a slight decline during the last two

"These are not proud statistics," a recent home leaflet points out. The fact that fewer than 15 per cent of lost and stray dogs are reclaimed by their owners means that most have been deliberately turned out as unwanted pets.

"This may be offensive to people in a country that likes to believe itself a nation of dog lovers, but it is true, none the



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storey kennel block to relieve overcrowding at the Dogs Home Battersea was agreed to in principle some time ago. When Bill Wadham-Taylor was appointed man-ager and veterinary surgeon in 1984, he made it clear that in his view more accommodation was essential, not only on welfare grounds, but to con-trol the spread of disease.

Battersea has always had more dogs than kennels but during the past decade the number of strays has reached crisis point. At any one time, 500 dogs are being cared for, and the new block, providing space for up to 250, should mean that every animal will have its own room.

Work on the building began last July and is due for completion this summer. Despite the difficulties caused by poor access to the site, it is

Concern about overcrowding and fered for sale, and Colonel Tony Hare, the home's directhe spread of disease prompted the

building of a new kennel block

hosing, require high construc- and eliminate the smells that tion standards. Non-deteri- characterize most kennels. orating materials, including non-corrosive steel, are being used and each floor will be lined with epoxy resin to prevent water penetration. On the ground floor there

will be garages for the vans, used daily to collect animals from police stations all over the Greater London area. On the same floor there will be holding kennels, a canine morgue and incinerators.

The first two floors will be open-plan, the kennels seg-regated by passageways to allow feeding, inspection and proceeding on time. Hygiene removal of wastes. Heating,

considerations, and the fact cooling and ventilation will that the interior needs regular provide a controlled climate

"It is a challenge to any contractor to achieve 101 per cent perfection," Freddie Francis, contracts manager for Neilcott Construction, the main contractor, says. "But that is what we are trying to

To judge from models, the building should be more attractive in appearance than many that are designed for humans. "We have tried to put some architecture into it." Tim McGee, of Devereux and

The building will be used

tor general, hopes that it will attract more visitors. Ideally he would like to have enough staff to open on Sundays, the day for family outings when children often put pressure on parents to look for a new pet.

The home is a registered charity, and donations are tax deductible. Those donating £10,000 or more will be entitled to have a kennel named after them or a nominee, and £25 to "buy a brick" entitles donors to have their names inscribed on a Roll of Honour to be buried in a time capsule for 100 years.

By then there may perhaps be fewer strays on the streets and less pressure on the home's resources. Today's appeal is officially for £2 million, but a more appropriate target would be £2.7 million; £1 for every animal the home has primarily to house dogs of sheltered in the past 130 years.

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His love of dogs began when he was a child in the country, where his family kept terriers as gun-dogs, and he has owned a succession of terriers ever

His involvement in animal weifare began when he was "a member of the Bar" after the war and when he was supplementing his income by writing for legal publications.

Field-Fisher became something of a specialist in the law concerning animals, and was approached to serve on vari-ous committees, including the Home Office advisory committee on animal experiment-

volved in the day-to-day running of the home, he is responsible for all policy matters and, since succeeding to the post in 1984, has been an outspoken critic of the Government's failure to come to terms with the problem not just of stray dogs but of promoting more socially responsible owner-

The animals rounded up and taken to Battersea are the most visible aspect of a much

Compared with the 20,000plus dogs given shelter by the dogs' home every year, there are many times that number which are underfed, maltreated and generally not properly cared for. Dogs are allowed to roam streets and public places unsupervised (latch-key dogs), with con-sequent risks to human health and safety, and dogs in rural areas are often not kept under proper control, so that they



Somebody's treasure — or just an unwanted dog? Another guest is introduced to the home

given adequate veterinary on the Government to raise treatment for routine the dog licence fee to a realistic

In 1988, the RSPCA, the it had remained since it was

molest sheep and other farm livestock.

There are still others not Union joined forces in calling level from the 371/2p at which

introduced in the last century. Ironically, some of the first dogs brought to Battersea were not strays but those whose owners were too poor to pay the then exorbitant sum of 7s 'The Government refuses to grapple with the problem

The idea was that the evenue from the licence fees should be used to pay for "arrest" dogs found wandering unsupervised and to bring charges against their owners. But the Government rejected the idea as bureaucratic

and unworkable, and opted to abolish the licence altogether. Field-Fisher and his colcagues were never particularly keen on the warden idea, fearing that it would lead to a lot of untrained people trying to cauch dogs in nets.

They also prefer the word registration" to "licensing", believing that the most important aim should be to identify every dog in Britain and establish its ownership.

s a first step, they instigated their own registration scheme last year, whereby every dog arriving at Battersea has an electronically numbered tag painlessly implanted under its skin.

The number can be read on simple scanner and identified on a computerized

It is only a small start, but Field-Fisher hopes, "in the not too distant future", to launch an appeal in London for all owners of dogs to have their pets tagged voluntarily. Discussions are also taking place with members of the Association of British Dogs' Homes which hopes to introduce the scheme in other big cities.

Ideally, registration would go hand in hand with widespread sterilization to reduce the number of unwanted

But persuading the Govern ment of the benefits of a national register could be another matter. "It consistently refuses to grapple with the problem," Field-Fisher says. "There are no votes in it,

Kennels where many animals find a home from home



Profit and peace in an out-of-town haven

a greater contrast than between the muddy reach-es of the tidal Thames at Battersea and the peaceful river only a few miles upstream, flowing through green fields and woods within sight

of Windsor Castle. The Beil Mead kennels at Priest Hill, Old Windsor, were acquired by Battersea Dogs Home in 1979. They are divided into four main sites, two of which are run commercially as boarding accommodation for dogs and cats, making up one of the largest such facilities in south-east

England. With a fully equipped grooming parlour, these produce a healthy profit, which helps to pay for the home's main work. Last year this

profit was £40,000. The other two sites are used for various purposes. They include a convalescent home operations and for those that are sick and likely to benefit from more peaceful surroundings than the Battersea home.

Bell Mead is also used to accommodate dogs that are not strays or abandoned, but which for some reason cannot be looked after by their owners - for example, those belonging to prisoners remanded in custody to await trial, or to long-stay and frequently el-derly hospital patients.

Altogether 400 animals can be accommodated. Because of attractive place for the public than Battersea, in particular for families searching for a new pet. David Cavili, the principal, would in some ways like to be able to provide a greater choice of animals for sale, but he feels that might conflict with the kennel's

those functions is to fund the biggest Youth Training Scheme projects for kennel staff in the country. During an average of 18 months studying animal nursing and first aid, disease prevention, nutrition, genetics, hygiene, anatomy and physiology, and grooming and preparing dogs for showing.

Most are residents, staying in Priest Hill Lodge, a late-Victorian mansion overlooking Runnymede. When they leave many of them find jobs in veterinary surgeries, quarantine stations, or with RSPCA or Guide Dogs for the

There are also occasional foreign students - one each so far from Kenya and Australia, and three expected shortly from Scandinavia.

The policeman's nightly lot

report to Scotland Yard on the number of stray dogs in their possession. By 6am the next day the Yard will have telexed details to Battersea, and during the morning the home's fleet of five red vans — its "ambulances" — will collect up to 50 starving, frightened and often sick dogs.

It is a procedure that appears to work well, although critics say with some justification that it uses valuable police time. From April, local authorities will take over part of the responsibility for dealing with strays, although the division of duties is still far from clear, and most of those involved believe the bulk of the work will continue to fall

"Local authorities do not have dog pounds or trained handlers." Colonel Tony

ne of the lesser known duties of the 188 Metropolitan Police

Local authorities are to take some two trainees. Altogether about 80 people work at the home, most of them recruited from responsibility for strays, but there are fears that this system will fail

> general, points out. "The Government wants to lift the burden from the police, but it hasn't really been thought out properly. If any member of the public finds a stray dog, the only place he is going to take it to is a police station."

> It is the daily "ambulance run" that brings in most of the home's inmates. A few are received as "gifts" from members of the public who are unable, or unwilling, to look after them any longer.

On admission a dog is given a thorough examination and vaccinated against the main

canine diseases. "Diseases and infections are Colonel Tony brought into the home every

Hare, the home's director-general, points out. "The Gov-ernment wants to lift the them," Bill Wadman-Taylor, the manager and veterinary surgeon, says. "We also neuter as many as we can."

> About 1,000 dogs a year are sterilized at Battersea, al-though that falls far short of the nation-wide sterilization programme that the home's administrators would like to see linked to a national dog

Wadman-Taylor and his wife, Ruth, who is also a vet, were appointed six years ago and occupy a flat on the premises. They both have considerable experience of charity work, and are assisted

and most of their tasks repetitive and menial, but the staff all appear cheerful and enthusiastic. "What we are trying to do here is just to cope with a situation which ideally should not exist," Hare says. "If it were not for places like this, the whole thing would be out of control."

But, like his staff, Hare remains cheerful, consoling himself with the thought that the situation is apparently not getting any worse.

"The figures seem to have a curious cyclical pattern," he They rose from something over 17,000 in 1982 to a peak of more than 23,000 in 1987, were down in 1988 and apparently well down again last year. "They must be connected

with some social trend ...

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No jurisdiction to hear complaints by aircraft noise protesters

(Case No 3/1989/163/219) Before R. Ryssdal, President and Judges Thor Vilhjalmsson, L.-E. Pettiti, Sir Vincent Evans, A. Spielmann, E. Palm and I Foighel Registrar M.-A. Eissen

Judgment February 21] In a unanimous judgment, the European Court of Human Rights held that there had been violation of the right to an effective domestic remedy in respect of alleged violations of the European Convention on disturbance from aircraft noise

near Heathrow Airport. The Court also held that it had no jurisdiction to entertain complaints of a denial of the right of access to the courts and of an unjustified interference with their right of the two applicants to respect for their private lives and their homes.

The Court was precluded from reviewing the merits of complaints declared inadmissible by the Commission where ns of violations conctituted senarate complaints in their own right independently of their relevance in the context of complaint declared

Article 6 of the Convention (I) In the determination of his civil rights and obligations ... everyone is entitled to a fair and public hearing within a reasonable time by an independent and impartial tribunal established by law. . . Article 8 provides: "(1) Every-

"(2) There shall be no interfer-

the exercise of this right except such as is in accordance with the law and is necessary in a democratic society in the in-terests of . . the economic wellbeing of the country. . ."

Article 13 provides: "Every-one whose rights and freedoms as set forth in this Convention are violated shall have an effective remedy before a nat-ional authority notwithstanding that the violation has been committed by persons acting in an official capacity.

The first applicant, Mr R. J. Powell, lived in Esher, several miles distant from Heathrow Airport. Since 1972 his home, which he bought in 1957, had lain under a flight departure route which was in use for about four months a vear. Mr Powell's property fell

within a noise and number index (NNI) contour rated 35 noise-annoyance rating. About half a million other people live within that countour area The purpose of the NNI was

to represent community re-action to the level of aircraft noise so as to guide planning, development and noise control. Thus, no building development land having an NNI rating of 60

A. Rayner, farmed land in Colnbrook, Berkshire. His home, which was situated about one and a third miles from Heathrow Airport, was in a direct line with the northern runway.

one has the right to respect for and rated 60 on the NNLOnly his private . . . hife [and] his some 6,500 other people in the vicinity of Heathrow were exposed to noise levels equal to or

caused to third parties on the ground was limited by the Civil Aviation Act 1982, section 76(1) of which had the effect of conferring exemption from liability in nuisance in respect of flying at a reasonable height and observing the relevant air navigation regulations, in

particular the regulations on noise certification. A certain number of noise abatement measures had also Airport, which had grown steadily since its formal opening in 1946 to become one of the busiest international airports in the world. Those included restrictions

on night jet movements, approach procedures, noise monitoring, runway alternation, noise-related landing charges, a poise insulation grant scheme and a scheme for the purchase of noise-blighted properties, well as noise certification. The main forum for aircraft

noise certification was the inter-national Civil Aviation Organization. The standards set by this organization were imnented in the United Kingdom by means of Air Navigation (Noise Certifica-tion) Orders. An application was initially

lodged with the European Com-mission of Human Rights on December 31, 1980 by the Federation of Heathrow Anti-Noise Groups, whose complaint rejected by the However, the application was

continued by Mr Powell and Mr Rayner, together with another person whose claim had since been settled. They complained

Protocol No 1 to the Convention (the peaceful enjoyment of possessions) and articles 6, paragraph 1, 8 and 13 of the Convention.

January 19, 1989, the Com-mission expressed the opinion that there had been a violation of article 13 of the Convention in relation to Mr Rayner's claim tion (by 12 votes to 4), but not in ion to any of the other claims (unanimously as to both applicants' grievances under article 1 of Protocol No 1 and article 6, (1) of the Convention; by 15 votes to 1 as to Mr Powell's grievance under article 8 of the Convention).

Court of Human Rights held: Scope of case before the Court
The applicants' complaint access to the courts in civil matters) and article 8 (right to respect for one's private life and home) had been rejected by the Commission at the admis ity stage as being manifestly ill-

Convention).

argued that the Court possessed jurisdiction to consider the al-(The issue under article 1 of Protocol No 1 was not pursued after the admissibility sta The compass of the case before the Court was delimited by the Commission's decision on admissibility. While the

characterization to be given in

examination, the allegations of

the applicants

by the operation of Heathrow constituted separate complaints Airport, and invoked article 1 of in their own right and not, as suggested by the applicants, mere legal submissions or arguments relating to the same facts as those underlying the allega-tion of violation of article 13. Accordingly, the court had no

jurisdiction to rule on those complaints independently of their relevance in the context of II Claim under article 13 The applicants had contended that in respect of their claims under articles 6(1) and 8 of the Convention there was no domestic authority capable of

affording a remedy as required

by article 13.

A Introduction The Court recalled its established case-law to the effect that article 13 required a remedy in domestic law only in respect of grievances which could be reparded as arguable in terms of

In order to determine whether the claims of violation forming complaints under article 13 were arguable, the particula facts and the nature of the legal issues raised had to

B Claim under article 6(1) The applicants' grievance under article 6(1) was in essence directed against the terms of section 76(1) of the Civil Avi-ation Act 1982.

In the Court's view, framed in that way their grievance did not bring into play article 6 or article 13. As the Commission had pointed out in its admissibility decision, the effect of section 76(1) was to exclude liability in ance with regard to the

that the applicants could not claim to have a substantive right under English law to obtain relief for exposure to aircraft noise in those circumstances.

To that extent there was no civil right recognized under domestic law to attract the application of article 6(1). In any event article 13 did not 80 so far as to guarantee a rem allowing a contracting state's laws as such to be challenged fore a national authority.

For the rest, no arguable claim of violation of article 6(1) could, in the court's view, be derived assertion that the limited en-titlement to sue permitted by section 76(1) was illusory. Access to the domestic courts

was available to any person who considered that he had a cause of action in nuisance under English law. If a question of the application of section 76(1) arose, it was for the courts to

Accordingly, there was no violation of article 13 in respect of the applicants' claims under article 6(1).

C Claim under article 8 Article 8 was found to be a material provision in relation to both Mr Powell and Mr Rayner. since in each case, albeit to greatly differing degrees, the quality of the applicant's private life and the scope for enjoying the amenities of his home had noise generated by aircraft using Heathrow Airport.

Whether the present cases were analysed in terms of a positive duty on the state to take reasonable and appropriate measures to secure the applicants' rights under article 8(1) applicable principles were broadly similar. In both contexts, regard had

to be had to the fair balance that had to be struck between the dividual and of the commo as a whole, and in both contexts the state enjoyed a certain margin of appreciation in determining the steps to be taken to ensure compliance with the Convention.

Furthermore, even in relation to the positive obligations flowing from the first paragraph of article 8, in striking the required balance, the aims mentioned in the second paragraph could be The applicants themselves

had conceded that the operation of a major international airport such as Heathrow pursued a legitimate aim (in the interests of the economic well-being of the country) and that the consequential negative impact on the environment could not be entirely eliminated.

The Court further noted that a number of measures had been introduced by the responsible authorities to control, abate and compensate for aircraft noise at and around Heathrow Airport.

Those measures, adopted progressively as a result of consultation of the different interests and people concerned. had taken due account of international standards established. developments in aircraft technology, and the varying levels of disturbance suffered by those living around Heathrow

As to the exclusion of liability in nuisance set out in section 76(1) of the Civil Aviation Act in terms of an interference by a

public authority to be justified in the United sample principles were in accordance article 8(2), the proceeded on the view that the problems posed by aircraft noise problems posed by aircraft noise problems posed by aircraft noise problems. were better dealt with by taking and enforcing specific regulatory measures to ensure that

disturbance caused by aircraft noise was minimised. In the view of the foregoing there was no serious ground for maintaining that either the pol-icy approach to the problem or the content of the particular regulatory measures adopted by the United Kingdom authorities gave rise to violation of article 8,

even in relation to Mr Rayner who had suffered a much higher level of disturbance. In sum, no arguable claim of violation of article 8 and, consequently, no entitlement to a remedy under article 13 had been made out in relation to either applicant as regarded noise caused by aircraft flying at a reasonable height and in

In so far as the applicants could also wish to complain of noise caused by aircraft not noise caused by aircrait not satisfying one or other of those conditions, there was no bar on their bringing an action in nuisance. To that extend they had to be regarded as having an extend they had to be regarded as having an extended to be regarded as having an extended as the conditions. effective remedy available to

In conclusion, there had been no violation of article 13 in respect of the claims of either applicant under article 8.

unanimously held: 1 That it had no jurisdiction to entertain the applicants' com-plaints under articles 6(1) and 8,

2 That there had been no

Oueen's Bench Divisional Court

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Chancery Division

Pre-Act hospital spending lawful

Regina v Secretary of State for Health and Others, Ex parte

Before Lord Justice Woolf and

[Judgment February 21] There was nothing to prevent the Secretary of State for Health and the relevant regional and district health authorities from taking the necessary steps to prepare an application for Guy's Hospital to have the status of a National Health Service Trust to be submitted if and when the National Health Service and Community Bill, now before

Parliament, became law. The Queen's Bench Di-visional Court so held in rejecting an application by Pro Harry Keen, director of the unit director of clinical

services/medicine at Guy's Hospital, for judicial review of the expenditure of resources on the preparation for a change of the hospital's status. Section 1 of the National

Health Service Act 1977

"(!) It is the secretary of state's duty to continue the omotion in England and Wales of a comprehensive physical and mental health of the people of those countries, and (b) in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of illness, and for that purpose to provide or secure the effective provision of services in accordance with this Act.

"(2) The services so provided shall be free of charge except in so far as the making and recovery of charges is expressly provided for by or under any

By section 2: "Without prejudice to the secretary of state's powers apart from this section, he has power — (a) to provide such services as he considers appropriate for the purpose of discharging any duty imposed on him by this Act; and (b) to do any other thing whatsoever which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, "This section is subject to section 3(3) below."

By section 3: "(1) It is the secretary of state's duty to provide throughout England considers necessary to meet all reasonable requirements — (a) hospital accommodation; (b) other accommodation for the purpose of any service provided under this Act; (c) medical, dental, nursing and ambulance services; (d) such other facilities for the care of expectant and nursing mothers and young children as he considers are appropriate as part of the health service; (e) such facilities for the prevention of illness, the care of persons suffering from illness

as he considers are appropriate such other services as are re-quired for the diagnosis and

By section 23: "(1) The secretary of state may, where he

such terms as may be agreed, including terms as to the making of payments by or to the secretary of state, and any goods or materials may be made available either temporarily or

Mr James Goudie, QC and Mr David Bean for the applicant; Mr John Laws and Mr David Pannick for the secretary of state; Mr Robert Owen, QC and Mr Philip Havers for the South East Thames Regional Health Authority and the Lewisham and North Southwark

LORD JUSTICE WOOLF, Service and Community Care Bill was likely, if it became law, to do so in about July 1990. statutory framework for im-

should manage both hospitals which were previously NHS hospitals and other hospitals which were either new or had

The government had suggested that it would be attractive to an existing NHS hospital to be controlled by an NHS trust because trusts would have a range of powers and freedoms that would not be available to

It was clear that the secretary of state wanted to be in a position to announce the approval of the first wave of NHS trusts soon after the Bill was enacted. There had been a considerable amount of preparation, for which the Department of Health had provided substantial sums. vided substantial sums.'
The question whether Guy's
Hospital should apply for self-

governing status as an NHS trust was being seriously considcontroversy about the issue in the hospital. A majority of consultants who voted in a

Duty on counsel to ensure court has power to make order

Regina v Komsta Regina v Murphy

There was a positive obligation upon counsel, not just on counsel for the defence but also on counsel for the prosecution, to ensure that no order was made that the court had no power to make. That should be fully understood by all members of

The Cours of Appeal (Lord Justice Russell, Mr Justice Turner and Mr Justice Potts) so stated on February 5, when granting the applications of Andrew Komsta and Grazyna Murphy and allowing their appeals against the order that six peals against the order that six months imprisonment should be served in default of payment of £9.837 compensation to the

Correction

In Webb v Emo Cargo (UK) Ltd (The Times February 21) the fourth member of the tabunal was Mrs M. L. Boyle.

considers it appropriate, arrange with any person or body (including a voluntary organization) for that person or body to provide, or assist in providing, any service under this Act. . . "(3) The powers conferred by

District Health Authority.

It was designed to provide the

plementing the government's proposals for changes in the One of the key changes was to enable hospital to apply "for a new self-governing status as NHS hospital trusts" — a new

type of corporate body, cur-rently unknown to the law. It was expected that the trusts not previously been managed or provided by the NHS.

vention of illness, the care of ballot had opposed the proposal. Professor Keen's application raised the question of the steps

following their pleas, on Octo-ber 2, 1989 in Isleworth Crown Court (Judge Holden) of guilty to conspiracy to defraud. The requirement that the compensation was to be paid by or on February 2, 1990 was also deleted from the order, and it was ordered that enforcement proceeding were to be taken in tenced to nine months

> MR JUSTICE TURNER said that under section 47(2) of the Supreme Court Act 1981 the procedure existed to vary or its making, in relation to what might be called the merits of the case and also to correct a sentence or order if, on consideration, it appeared to counsel for the defence or prosecution that the court had no power to impose the sentence or make the

implement anticipated legislation which would materially affect the manner in which they performed their responsibilities to the public.

Mr Goudie submitted that while it was not unlawful to carry out an evaluation of proposed legislative changes it was unlawful to expend public money to prepare applications for a change of status by existing would not come into existence

Mr Laws and Mr Owen contended that such applica-tions were lawful and that it was a matter of commonsense and 200d administration that they ould be taken in the context of a Bill before Parliament. Which view was right de-

pended on the existing powers of the secretary of state and the regional and district health authorities. The existing powers were contained in the National Health Service Act 1977 and the National Health Service Functions (Directions to Authorities and Administrative Arrangements) (SI 1982 No 287) made under that Act.

There were two issues as to the construction of section 1 of the 1977 Act. The first was whether the words in subsection (1) "in accordance with this Act" related back so as to govern the whole of subsection (1) or only to govern "the effective

provision of services".
In his Lordship's view the existence of a comma after the word "illness" was significant and meant that it was only the provision of services which o be "in accordance with this Act". As a result, the secretary of state's duty to promote a comprehensive health service was not confined by the words "in accordance with this Act".

His Lordship found that sec-

tion 2, taken together with section 3(1) and section 23(1) gave the secretary of state power to provide services either directly or pursuant to arrange-ments which he made with another person or body as he considered appropriate for the purpose of discharging his duty to provide hospital

Was this a situation where the

government could not lawfully expend large sums of public money on the making of preparations for the impentation of a Bill before it

The combined effect of sections 2, 3(1) and 23 was that while the secretary of state did not have the power to approve an application and a regional or district health authority did not have the power to make a binding decision to apply for NHS trust status for a hospital within their area in anticipation of the Bill becoming law, there was nothing to prevent the secretary of state and the two authorities deploying their re-sources under their existing powers to enable the necessary teps to be taken to prepare an application so that when the

> which was then made. Whether under section 2(a) or (b) (it did not matter which) and section 23, the secretary of state had the power and by delegation the regional and district health authorities had the powers nec-

legislation was passed the

application could be made

promptly if this was in ac-

essary for forward planning. In pursuing that forward planning, regard had to be had to changes which might be brought about by all manner of circumstance including prospective leg-islation which would have a direct impact upon their

If in the future a new type of hospital was going to be available, health authorities could reasonably consider whether that was a facility they should provide having regard to their duty to provide hospital accomtaking advantage of section 23. If they came to the conclusion

that it probably should be provided, then to defer preparations until some necessary leg-islation came into force could amount to a derogation from the authorities' responsibilities. Until the new legislation was in force, final decisions could not be reached but as long as the authorities did not fetter their

decisions there was nothing to prevent them taking all necessary steps by way of preparation.
Those could include the preparation of applications. That preparation could provide due course, of reaching a de-cision to make the application.

IRC v Banco do Brasil SA Before Mr Justice Mummery

Inland Revenue Commis-sioners v Commerzbank AG

[Judgment February 9] The provisions of the 1966 double taxation relief Convention negotiated between the United States and the United Kingdom applied to payments of interest on loans made to US corporations received by the London branches of overseas

Article XV, as amended and scheduled to the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (USA) Order (SI 1966 No 1188), was not to be construed as restricting the benefit of the relief to the citizens, residents or corporations of either of the contracting parties to the

Mr Justice Mummery so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division in dismiss-ing appeals by the Crown by way of case stated from determinations of special commissioners that had allowed separate ap-Banco do Brasil SA against refusals of the Revenue to their claims to relief from corpora-tion tax under section 497(1) of

the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 Section 497 makes provisions for reliefs by agreements with tax purposes in the United other countries.

party shall be exempt from tax by the other contracting party except where the recipient is a citizen, resident, or corporation of that other contracting oarty. This exemption shall not apply if the corporation paying such dividend or interest is a resident of the other contracting party."

Article 11 of the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (The United States of America) Order (SI 1980 No 568) now applies to payments of

Mr Alan Moses for the Crown; Mr Stephen Oliver QC and Mr David Ewart for Commerzbank; Mr Graham Aaronson, QC, for Banco do

MR JUSTICE MUMMERY. in a reserved judgment, said that the banks' claims related to accounting periods as long ago as 1973 to 1976. The figures, that involved very substantial amounts of tax, were agreed. The issue was whether, when properly interpreted, article XV

conferred an exemption on the loan interest paid by US

corporations to the London

branches of the two banks. There was no material difference between the agreed facts in each appeal. Neither bank was resident for Kingdom or in the US. Each

ities they had made loans to US corporations and had received interest on them. That interest fell to be included in the with other countries. computation of the banks' profits liable to UK corporation tax. The banks had claimed that

The question was whether the exemption in the opening words of article XV applied if the recipient of the interest was the London branch of a corporation, such as a bank, which had been created or organized under the laws of a country other than the US or the UK - for example, the Federal Republic of Germany or Brazil.

the interest was exempt from the

tax by virtue of article XV.

The case for the banks was implicity itself the natural and ordinary meaning of the exempting provision of article XV was plain and they fell within its terms. The Crown's first argument

preted so as to have greater ect in the UK than it did in the US. Second, it was contended, the preted as a waiver by the UK of its right to tax a corporation of a foreign state that was not a contracting party to the Convention but which had a

based on reciprocity, was that

article XV should not be inter-

Country.

Last, the Crown argued that the Convention had to be
Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue; S. J. Berwin & Co; S. the Convention had to be

Tax relief on overseas loan interest power of one of the contracting

> In those circumstances, it was said, one would expect a German corporation with a perma-nent establishment in London to have its rights and obligation dealt with in a Convention made between the UK and

> The Crown's submission were not correct. The words of article XV were clear: they exempted from UK tax interest paid by US corporations. All interest from that source was exempted except in respect of those recipients who were ex-pressly referred to in the excep-

> banks were not such recipients. The result was not absurd or unreasonable. Any surprise there might be in finding that a German or Brazilian bank could claim exemption under a the UK and the US was lessened by the fact that the exception was a limited one, applying only to dividends and interest which had a source in one of the

There was no sufficient indication in the purpose of the Convention or in its surroundclear words of article XV. Both permanent establishment in this appeals fell to be dismissed.

Article XV of the 1966 maintained a branch in London Convention provides: "Dividends and interest paid by a were conducted. Child should get to know estranged parent

Before Lord Justice Lloyd and

Mrs Justice Booth [Judgment February 19] Wherever possible, a young child of divorced parents living with one of them should see and get to know the other. Cogent reasons had to exist to deny a

However, a mother's fear of her former husband, rational or not, coupled with extreme difficulties in making suitable arrangements for access, did provide compelling and cogent reasons for denying a father immediate access to his two

young children. The Court of Appeal so stated when dismissing a father's appeal from the decision of Judge Pat Coles, QC, in Worthing County Court in October 1989 access to his son aged seven and them to see the father. The judge developing between father and daughter aged five. Mr Sebastian Reid for the father; Miss Janet Waddicor for

MRS JUSTICE BOOTH said that the mother and father separated when the two children were aged three and one. The mother moved away alleging that the father drank excessively and was violent.
The father had had fortnightly

access from June 1986 to April 1987, travelling from North London to Brighton. That came to an end and the matter came before the court on the father's The welfare officer and later the judge had held that the mother had a lasting fear of the

concluded that access would not be in the best interests of the

> he was living with only one he should see and get to know the non-custodial parent. That was necessary for his balanced deny access.

the father, rational or not, was clear. The father was not in a position to care for his children and they had to continue living with their mother. He could only offer access in

upbringing. There had, there-fore, to be cogent reasons to

That the mother had a fear of

wherever possible a child should know both his parents. Where

> their father. Without contact they could fautasize about him. It was important that they

of direct access should reconsidered in later years.

Solicitors: Douglas-Mann & Co; Treasury Solicitor, Solicitor, Brighton in some form of family centre. He had nowhere to take them. Such a situation did not & Campbell, Worthing. £40m film sale and lease-back scheme attracts full capital allowance

Finance Ltd v McIlnish (Inspec-tor of Taxes)
Before Mr Justice Vinelott
[Judgment February 14]

Expenditure in excess of £40 million by a leasing company on purchasing the master negatives of two films qualified for 100 per cent capital allowances. Anti-avoidance provisions in the Finance Acts 1971 and 1980, limiting entitlement to the re-lief, did not apply to the sale and lease-back transactions made

between the company and the film producers and distributors. Mr Justice Vinelott so held in the Chancery Division in allowing an appeal by the taxpayer company, Barclays Mercantile Industrial Finance Ltd, from a determination of special commissioners refusing its claim on the ground that the expenditure failed to qualify for allowances by reason of the provisions of section 64 of the Finance Act 1980 (exclusion of allowances for certain leased

The taxpayer company traded in leasing equipment. During 1982 and 1983 it negotiated with Warner Bros to purchase Greystoke, a film that was to be de in the United Kingdom, for £22 million. That price was related to the sum which the film was to cost but was determined by the amount of "tax capacity" avail-

able to the taxpayer company.

pany was to lease the master

print of the film together with all associated rights to Warner's

Thereafter the taxpayer com-

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By an agreement in 1978
WBDL had assigned all its
United Kingdom explotiation
rights to its films to Columbia-EMI-Warner Distributions Ltd. (CEW). In 1983 WBDL made three Warner companies to exploit Greystoke overseas. Licence fees under the various agreement almost corresponded to the rental payable by WBDL to the

taxpayer company. In 1984 the film was completed and delivered to the taxpayer company.
In 1983 the taxpayer company entered into a similar agreement for the purchase and lease back of the film Krull with Columbia Pictures for £19.5m. The special commissioners upheld the tax inspector's refusal of the taxpayer company's claim for 100 per cent first-year allowances in respect of its expenditure on the two films.

first-year allowances for capital expenditure on machinery or Mr Graham Aaronson, QC the cost of acquiring those rights and Mr Kevin Prosser for the taxpayer company; Mr Christopher McCall, QC and Mr Alan tion rights rather than for any Moses for the Crown.
MR JUSTICE VINELOTT

Paragraph 2 of Schedule 12 to the Finance Act 1984 contained

provisions for the phasing out of

distribution company (WBDL) said that the question was proliferation of artificial payer company's claim to an schemes which the Revenue period—for a rent of £705,540 a quarter that was based on 1982 and 1983 when it capital allowance legislation. An incremental company (WBDL) said that the question was proliferation of artificial payer company's claim to an allowance equal to the cost of the acquisition of Greystoke from Warner Bros on two bought and leased two films: Greystoke, and a fantasy film.

Following McVeigh v Arthur Sanderson & Sons Ltd ([1969] 1 WLR 1143) and Munby v Furlong ([1976] 1 WLR 410), film producers had contended that expenditure on making a film resulted in an asset which was "plant" attracting capital allowances under the legislation In 1979 the Revenue had issued a statement of practice that capital allowance claims

would be accepted in cases where the master print could properly be regarded as a capital In practice a master print would be so regarded if it was retained by the production com-pany and had an estimated potential life of not less than two

The master print was to be

taken as "the original negative of the film together with the

rights to distribute and exploit

The Revenue further made it clear that if a UK company acquired distribution rights in a film for a given territory, the company would not be entitled to a capital allowance equal to the cost of acquiring those rights tion rights rather than for any

property in the master negative.

That new practice led to the

example so such a scheme came before the court in Ensign Tankers Leasing) Ltd v Stokes (The Times July 26, 1989; [1989] I WLR 1222). The Finance Act 1982 in

effect restored the old practice -

expenditure after March 10, 1982 on film production was to be regarded as of a revenue However, section 72(7) of that Act provided an exception for expenditure incurred before March 1984 if incurred by a person carrying on a trade of exploiting or producing films that were certified by the secretary of state as qualifying films (section 32 of the Finance Act

period to March (987).

983 extended that transitional

The taxpayer company specialized in finance leasing specialized in finance teasing— acquiring capital assets and leasing them to be employed in the trade of a company which for financial or fiscal reasons found it convenient to pay rent for the use of its plant. In 1982 it was introduced to Warner Bros as a possible source of finance for Greystoke. If matters could be arranged so

that the cost of the acquisition of the master negatives of the film

by the taxpayer company at-tracted allowances in its hands it

would be able to lease it to a

Warner group company at a

The Crown resisted the tax-

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the scheme came about.

grounds. The first was the provisions in 10e hist was the provisions in section 64 of the Finance Act 1980, "Exclusion of first-year allowances in certain leased assets", whereby expenditure on

the acquisition of "plant" for leasing had, in order to qualify for the allowance, to be used for a "qualifying purpose". On that ground the commissioners decided in favour of the Crown. They held that the "plant" was not used for a "qualifying purpose" as under section 64(2)(a) the leasing of the master negatives by the the master negatives by the taxpayer company to WBDL was not an ordinary acquisition by WBDL for the purposes of its

The facts, the commissioners found, indicated that the distribution by the licensing transactions into which WBDL entered were unusual in the context of its trade and might be said not to be trading transactions at all. The acquisition of the film

was, the commissioners found, an acquisition in furtherance of "financing operations for the benefit of the Warner group". Thus the commissioners concluded that the "plant" was not used for a "qualifying purpose" with the result that the taxpayer company was not entitled to the allowance on its expenditure favourable rent. Thus it was that thereon.

It was difficult to understand

to dismiss his application for tive if the mother had to take lead to a good relationship

oncinced that access would not entire the in the best interests of the hildren.

It was to be stressed that wherever possible a child should access to children who had no proper recollection of him, it was not possible to say that the judge had erred in her decision. However, concern over the long term should be expressed. The children were very young. They would want to know about

> should know about him. They should have indirect contact with him and the matter

WBDL carried on business as film distributors, it was anxious to make a profit from Greystoke.
The granting of licences for the regional distribution of a film was the normal method of dealing with world-wide rights.

The distribution/licensing agreements entered into by WBDL with other Warner companies were entered into in the course of WBDL's trading activ denatured merely because they were entered into with companies which were in the same group and under the same

agreements were entered into without regard to the interests of WBDL or for a non-commercial urpose. His Lordship then went on to consider the Crown's second ground of resistance to the claim based on the anti-avoidance provisions in paragraph 3 to Schedule 8 to the Finance Act 1971 (Effect of sales between connected provisions) connected persons, sale and lease-back etc), as modified by section 68(3) and (7) of the Finance Act 1972. He concluded, in agreement with the commissioners, that

ate control.

The facts did not lead to the

conclusion that the distribution

the Crown. His Lordship finally considered the facts relating to the expenditure by the taxpayer company on the acquisition of the master negative of Krull and arrived at the same result.
Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue; Brecher & Co.

those provisions did not assist

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Ballesteros takes to a little bit of America in desert

By John Hennessy Dubai

Having locked horns unsuccessfully with Greg Norman in Australia last week, Nick Faldo, Master golfer in two continents, faces another formidable opponent in the Emirates Airline Desert Classic here this week. He is Out 3.464 35
Severiano Ballesteros, who Total yardeque 7.100 will be making his first appearance of the season after a

prolonged period of R and R. Unlike Faldo, who arrived here in the early hours of Tuesday, Ballesteros has been established in this oasis for more than a week, preparing a video which, he believes, "will sell a million over the next

five years". Even in this burgeoning area of golf commercial-ization, Faldo and Ballesteros are intense rivals. So far Faldo's video from last year has sold 115,000 copies which, he claims, surpasses one by George Best as the top seller among sporting subjects. He is about to embark on another.

The state of the s But videos would count for nothing without the players' recognized expertise on the conception best appreciated golf course and their con- from the air. Faldo's geometry frontation here this week, is a little awry, since the course achieved almost at the last measures 1,000 x 700 metres, minute when wheels within occupying 160 acres. It is There is an atmosphere of wheels within still more surrounded by wilderness sandalled comfort about the wheels surmounted the ob- rather than desert, since a whole place, from marbled stacle of appearance money variety of scrub somehow clubhouse to manicured

OVERSEAS CRICKET

A loophole likely to be plugged

It is not expected that any action will be taken against Ervin McSweeney, the Wellington captain who, in a Shell Trophy match against Canterbury on Tuesday, instructed his bowlers to bowl a series of full tosses off the balls to expect the series of the no-balls to encourage his oppo-nents to resume a run chase.

After the match, which ended in a draw with Canterbury two runs short of victory and two wickets standing. Wellington issued McSweeney with only a mild rebuke, while the New Zealand Cricket Council will only take action if a formal complaint is made.

There most, however, be a possibility that the rules will be changed as a result of the farcical events of the last two overs of the match, in which Canterbury were fed 94 runs. successful, tactics by Andrew Wingfield Digby, the Dorset captain, in a Minor Counties match against Cheshire at Sherborne two years ago, the competition's rules were

In any event McSweeney has been suspended for a match after being found guilty of disputing an umpire's decision on the first day. Wellington will now have to await the result of the game between Auckland and Otago before knowing whether they have won the trophy.

Western Australia, having sacked Graeme Wood as cap-

sacked Gracine wood as cap-tain a fortnight ago, last week dropped him for the Sheffield Shield match against Queens-land in Perth. He may not play for the state again. Des Hoare, Western Australia's chief executive, said: "The deteriorating relationship between Wood, his players and the side's coach in the past 12 months came to a head during the match against Tasmania, when the players found his attitude towards the

Without Wood Western Australia beat the leaders, who were depleted by international calls, by an innings and 177 runs, one of the heaviest defeats in Queensland's history. Western Australia scored 607 for eight on a friendly pitch, Veletta's share being 228.

In Sydney, New South Wales moved to within two points of Queensland with a 10-wicket win over South Australia. For the winners, Mark Waugh scored 137, his third century in successive Shield innings.

BASEBALL

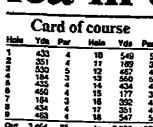
No progress after talks on contracts

New York (AP) — Baseball players will break off talks about contracts if no agreement is reached by today, a move that may endanger the start of the regular season. There was no progress on Tuesday on the key sue of salary arbitration eligibility but talks continued yesterday, the seventh day of the owners' spring-training lockout.

Chuck O'Connor, the chief negotiator for the owners, said management would make a proposal to try to break the stalemate. The union wants players with two years in the major leagues to be eligible for arbitration, as they were before the 1985 agreement. Owners want the threshold to remain at

Donald Fehr, the executive director of the players' associ-ation, said talks would break after today because the union staff needs to travel and update players on the situation. They're scattered over the country and it's going to take

than one dragon. Yours faithfully, Talks probably would not resume until March 5 at the



Seeing the course for the first time, Faldo almost damned it with faint praise. It was very good - for a green square in the middle of the desert." He did not think it was designed with the prevail-ing wind in mind. On fast greens bunker shots would be difficult with the wind behind,

Ballesteros offered no qualification. He had heard a lot about the course from year "but it's better even than I expected. An American-style golf course. Unfortunately, we don't have one like it in

It is an extraordinary for Faldo as well as manages to eke out a sparse existence.

known in these parts and, indeed, there has been a phenomenal amount recently. Ordinarily, the course needs a million gallons of water a day, a fifth of that volume in what passes for winter,

But here, too, the greenhouse effect may be having its influence, for two inches of rain, half the normal yearly rainfall, cascaded down within a few hours a fortnight ago. There was another deluge on Tuesday. It must have seemed like Christmas Day to a pair of camels grazing contentedly nearby,

The immaculate fairways and manufactured lakes fol-low the American fashion and if there is little rough in the ordinary way there is plenty of scrubland, so that in such a those who had played it in the brisk wind as blew yesterday inaugural tournament last scoring was not easy in the

Lightning-fast greens ("they're getting it ready for said one player of humble station whose anonymity had better be protected), which moreover accept only the shorter-pitched shot, add to the problems.

lawns. As Seve says, there is not a course like it in Europe.

SPORT FOR THE DISABLED

Holding races to grand prix win

By Jane Wyatt

in the men's open class in the British Sports Association for the Disabled-British Wheelchair Racing Association grand prix.
Out of more than a dozen races he entered, Holding never

finished lower than second, inevitably battling with Chris Hallam, of Wales. Holding finished with 90 points, Hallam with 81, and Ian Thompson with 57.

David Holding, aged 21, from
Kettering, can claim to be
Britain's premier wheelchair
road-racer, following his victory
the men's open class in the
British Sports Association for
the grand with his proved an the grand prix has proved an effective way of creating closer links between the athletes at the clite end of the sport, as represented by the BWRA, and grassroots development "We've been able to for-

mulate a positive strategy be-tween BSAG and BWRA by tying in the major competitions like the ADT London Marathon A disappointing field in the with a programme of training women's open gave Karen weekends," Hiscock said. "That A disappointing field in the women's open gave Karen Davidson an easy victory, with 45 points. In the closed event (tetraplegic). Peter Curruthers won with 90 points, followed by Trevor Murray with 63.

Although Holding and Hallam dominate the road-racing field, Holding's coach, Dennis Taylor, said there were several women talents but on their sports."

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young talents hot on their grand prix has served to heighten the awareness of road-facing new contenders are the high cost of travel and entraints in all events this year. equipment. The first qualifying race is the Winning a race is usually no guarantee of any financial remouth in March.

the opposition to infringe the

Swansea, West Glamorgan.

There is a simple way to put an end to it. The rules should be

changed so that the referee can order the scrum to be re-formed

and the put-in awarded to the

other side.

Yours faithfully,

Bromley, Kent.

111 Blackbrook Lane.

Art of levitation

Sir, May we assume that Mr K J

From Mr Timothy Milton

THE TIMES THURSDAY FEBRUARY 22 1990 | בנו عن الأصل | An Amorica An American visitor has an energetic way of seeing the sights

In the best tradition of sisterly support

By Alix Ramsay

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ADT London Marathon Appeal

Oxford — the home of academe, of dreaming spires, of culture. And of joggers. The place is knee-deep in them. Wherever you go in Oxford there are earnest-looking figures dodging the traffic in search of fitness. But few run with more purpose than Dr Jan Friedmann, director of the Anglo-American programme at St Julie Hall and the only woman in the 12-strong gramme at St June Hall and the only woman in the 12-strong group of *The Times/Unisys* fund runners in the ADT London Marathon on April 22.

St Julie Hall's programme provides for a dozen sophomore from the stretch to stretch to stretch.

(second-year) students to study in Oxford for a year. They all come from Trinity College in Washington DC — the oldest women's Catholic college in the United States. St Julie Hall itself is linked to the Oxford convent of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namer, the founding order of Trinity College. Friedmann, herself from Washington, aims to raise £5,000-£10,000 to help fund the

programme,
"Being the only woman chosen by The Times doesn't make me feel like the odd one out at all," she said. "When I was growing up and at college all my role models were women. And nuns were the first feminists they educated women before anyone else." Friedmann is a veteran of both

marathons, the first in 1980. "The New York and London marathons are really events rather than running races. They are fun. In New York it is spectacular. The crowds are six-deep along the route and the New Yorkers are all out for a street party. One time, around the 16-mile mark, the guy I was running with started doing cart-wheels down First Avenue. The crowd loved it. It is just a good time."

Last time Friedmann was in Oxford it was as a student. Now, 20 years later and at the age of 39, she is rediscovering her nemories and taking careful note of the things she missed first time around. "Looking back at it now, that

"Looking back at it now, that year was even more spectacular. But coming back I now realize how fortmate these kids are to be on the programme."

Taking sculling lessons and learning to play real tennis in her spare time away from training and work, Friedmann is happily getting back into student and academic life. "A lot of days I feel like I'm a college sophomore again," she said, "but things do come up to remind me of the age difference. This year's students were born in the same year I was in Oxford studying on the same

Sir, 1 assume your correspondent, Brian O'Gorman,

The existing rules of cricket

apply in the Test arena equally to the Little Wallop 3rd XI and,

the umpire is already "the sole judge of fact", which is ad-vocated by Mr O'Gorman.

Those of us, like myself (and my late father before me) who have played club cricket for almost four decades, have all experienced the "finger-happy" and biased unning

and biased umpire.

A G MacDonell, in his

magnificent England, their England mentions the venerable umpire shricking "Out!" before anyone had time to appeal!

At least, as things stand, the batsman has the benefit of both

chances: first, that the umpire is competent and fair (which the

majority are) and, secondly, that the decent and players of this lovely game restrict the incom-petent and biased umpire to raising his finger to obvious dismissals.

dismissals.

I am quite sure Robin Jackman and Denis Lillee would testify that few umpires were impressed by the volume or length of their appeals which were not allowed to impinge on their decision.

Yours faithfully

Yours faithfully

KETTH MOORE,

22 Kinglisher Court, Bridge Road,

East Molesey, Surrey.

ruary 15).



It is now 25 years since the first Trinity College girl came to study at St Julie Hall and in Friedmann's opinion it is a unique opportunity for the students. "It opens up so many possibilities," she explained. "It is a valuable experience and halos." helps international

iderstanding.
"The students seem deliriously happy here — there are no signs of homesickness. It is amazing how quickly Anglophilia sets in. Hopefully the money I raise will help the programme continue and help with scholarships for those who might not be able to afford the year otherwise. I'm fairly ath-letic and enjoy running anyway and the marathon is a nice way

Her training is going according to plan, give or take a few minor hicups. "I sprained my knee last week just by standing up" she said. "I suppose it is just another sign of age but it makes was another bow precious

Friedmann's training runs take her through Oxford and its parks and also give her the chance to see something of the Raotish Regish countrystee — m man she regards a marathon as a perfect sightseeing opportunity. "It is especially true in New York and I am really looking forward to that in London" she

keep on with it. It is quite something to have so many people cheering you on all round the route. It is the nearest I'll ever come to athletic stardom." The Times and Unisys hope that by featuring the efforts of our 12 fund runners we will help them find spotsorable. If you wish to support one or more of them, write clearly stating your beneficiaries to The

beneficiaries to The Times/Unisys London Mara-thon Appeal, Sports Depart-ment, The Times, Virginia Street, London El 9XN, We will od on your donations.

Unisys are offering a Unisys personal computer to the biggest fund raiser of our 12 and a "Ten years ago I set myself a goal to run in the New York jeroboam and magnum of chambarathon and because it was sach an experience I decided to ICE HOCKEY

The strain is telling on Soviet imports

From Norman de Mesquita

When the National Hockey League (NHL) season started last October, the main topic of conversation was the arrival of nine Soviet players, allowed by their federation to play for North American teams for the

Their effect has been mixed.
Undoubtedly the most successful has been Sergei Makarov,
who is among the leading scorers for Calgary Flames, although even he has fallen away recently

even he has fallen away recently as the punishing NHL schedule begins to take its toll.

Igor Larionov and Vladimir Kroutov have found it difficult to adjust and the changes made to the Vancouver Canucks' roster and style to accommodate them have seen a sad deterioration in the team's form.

The oldest of the imports.

The oldest of the imports, Helmut Balderis, has not been a success with Minnesota North Stars and Sergei Mylnikov, the former international goaltender, has appeared in only five games for Quebec Nordiques.

New Jersey Devils started the season with two defencemen, Season with two teremement, Sergei Priakin and Viachaslav Fetisov. Priakin played only a handful of games before being demoted to the club's minor league affiliate in Utica. Fetisov has more than proved his worth and, when he was

his worth and, when he was joined by Alexei Kasatanov shortly after Christmas, hopes were high, as they had played together for many years in the Soviet national team. But, well as they played together, dressing room atmosphere has not been improved, because they are not exactly friends.

While Fetisov led a rebellion against the strict methods of the

against the strict methods of the Soviet coach, Sergei Tikhonov, Kasatanov supported the coach and is referred to by Fetisov as "Tikhonov's boy."

Dimitri Lopuchin, strength coach for the Devils, who has been kept busy during the past five months acting as interpreter for the Soviet players, confirmed that they have not exchanged two words with each other.

For Lopuchin, it has been a trying season. "I have been to so trying season. I have teen to so many interviews," he said, "and it is always the same questions. It really is not necessary for the players to show up any more, as I know all the questions and The commonest question is

how the Soviets have adjusted to the American way of life. As expected, having to play three or four games a week in four time zones has been a stumbling block — most of all for Alexander Mogilny, aged 21, of the Buffalo Sabres, who defected last year.

He has shown exciting skills, but has developed a fear of out at least a day early for 18 of the 20 away venues. It is hoped that psychiatric treatment will cure him, but, in the meantime, he is playing home games only. The final quarter of the season will show whether the Soviet experiment has been a success. In spite of the good form shown by Fetisov and Kasatanov, most people feel that far too much players, many of whom are past

SPORTS LETTERS

Defeating the dummy run

From Mr H S Booth
Sir, Mr K J Haskell (Sports laws?!!
letters, February 15) betrays both his lack of knowledge of rugby football and his partisanthe interpretations conjust to conjust t

ship in his accusations against Robert Jones.

A scrum-haif's dummy run is aimed not to deceive the oppoaimed not to deceive the opposition into infringing the laws, but to warn it that if it continually does it runs the risk of being penalised. Most flankers instinctively "steal" every possible second in order to pervade the opposing backs. Perhaps Mr Haskell's accusations would be more pertinent.

Perhaps Mr Haskell's accusa-tions would be more pertinent dummy exercised in open play. addressed to those players. Robert Jones is singularly accused, but surely Mr Haskell knows that Richard Hill also extensively and legitimately uses this tactic, as do many other fine scrum-halves. Indeed, in the recent France v England game, Hill not only made the dummy run but indicated the

"deceived" French offender to the referee. There is a very simple remedy for the avoidance of being deceived by a dummy run from the base of a scrum and that is for the back row to stay down until its own scrum-half gives it any appropriate indication that the ball is in the hands of the opposing scrum-half.

Incidentally, if Will Carling dummies" a pass to, say, Rory

Underwood and as a result the latter is tackled without the ball and the offender duly penalised, would Mr Haskell label Carling "blatant cheat" for deceiving

Dragon lives on

From Mr Charles Marment

Sir, Indeed, it was a great display

of teamwork and running rugby by England, but against a Welsh

team of withered morale I feel

that the English Press has been

and comparison with the All

Blacks at this stage is maybe a

East of Offa's Dyke, you all

may feel that George has slain

the Dragon and maybe this "swollen-headed" attitude of

"Today Wales, tomorrow the world" is the reason that the

English have been victorious

only six times in 30 years, and

very keen to twist the knife

little premature.

referees

Haskell wears an England favour? I refer to the photograph of Paul Ackford (also February 15), demonstrating his fine art of levitation, and I ask what can

Paul Rendall be doing in the same picture? Surely not lifting that would be ungentlemanly

Yours faithfully, TIMOTHY MILTON,

Green seeds

From Mr Robin Edwards coach, Martin Green.

It was he who recognized, after the England visit to New Zealand, that fitness and skill levels were grossly inadequate.

Who started the winter fitness visits to Portugal, and who struggled to establish discipline on and off the field? And look at last Saturday's stars. Many of them were Green's former pupils.

one of those was, as Max Boyce would say, due to "Blind Irish Yours faithfully ROBIN EDWARDS, Kirklea Farm, The English may be forgetting Badgworth, that Wales is the land of more Axbridge, Somerset.

Enthusiasm rules From Mr Tony Read Sir, As wonderful as the England victory against Wales was, the seeds were sown by the previous

Sir, With reference to Mr O'Gorman's letter it would be nice to think that we could leave it to the umpire to decide whether or not a batsman is out without prompting from the fielding side. Bearing in mind the tension under which cricket, and other

sports, are played today, it would be unreasonable to expect a fielding side to remain silent. Even in a friendly fourball on a Sunday morning a chap sinking a 40-foot putt to win the hole is likely to cry "whoopee" or some such and perhaps jump up and down a bit. What his opponents would say is unprintable. Enthusiasm will out; caught and bowled. Yours faithfully,

TONY READ,

327 Jersey Road; Osterley, Middlesex.

Sir, There has recently been a number of articles in *The Times*

From Mr Oliver Leaman about the physical education profession, and the influence of the national curriculum on the suggesting the cricket appeal be ended, has written his letter tongue-in-cheek (letters, Feb-

subject.

The general secretary of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, Peter Lawson, repeats his familiar criticisms of the lack of resources provided the lack of resources provided by PE teachers and the teams they prepare (February 12). Sir Rhodes Boyson follows this with an expression of his doubts concerning the advisability of limiting PE teachers to contrac-tual limits, since this will inevitably have a serious effect upon extra-curricular activities (February 14). How justified are

They are harking back to a "golden age" of PE, when the teacher would dedicate himself or herself to the development of successful teams, frequently taking up lunch hours, evenings and Saturdays as well as official school time. This was seen as stimulating the naturally competitive tendencies of British children, resulting in the fostering of social and moral skills very valuable in contem-

porary society. Sir Rhodes suggests that the only opposition to the glorification of competition in sport arises from the dogmas of the "loony left". Whatever may have been the case in the past, it is much pointing out that the is worth pointing out that the official line of the Labour Party now is firmly behind compet-itive sport, as the junior education spokesman, Derek Fatchett, made clear in Novem-

ber last year.

In any case, there is no evidence of a general anticompenitive ethos in PE departments in schools and colleges. During recent investigations by HMI and by myself, very few PE departments or teachers were found to be antagonistic to-wards competition or the development of excellence among their pupils.

What has been happening though, is the introduction of wider objectives in physical education than was the case in the past. We tend to forget that traditional PE left a lot of children behind. There was a tendency to concentrate upon the elite, frequently a male clite, while those less skilled were provided with uninteresting and unrewarding physical activities. Many children left school apathetic about physical recreation and determined to avoid

Today there is a lot more thoughtfulness going into PE, albeit with a palpable tack of financial and physical resources.

mancial and physical resources.

Many teachers are committed to
an education-for-all policy,
developing activities which can
be enjoyed and which are educationally valuable for the whole
ability range. The aim which the
PE profession has in mind is the
enjoyment of word and physical enjoyment of sport and physical recreation by all children, regardless of their natural abiltities. The preparation of successful school teams is often considered a subsidiary and rather unnecessary task by PE teachers who are more concerned with helping everyone in the school enjoy participation in

sport.
This is not to say that there is a general anti-competitive bias in the profession, far from it. Most PE teachers are themselves highly competitive sports players and realize the benefits to be derived from such activities. But they also appreciate that the majority of their pupils are not capable of sporting excellence and still deserve an education which will asist them in acquiring physical skills which will benefit them both in school and later on in life. Surely these are commendable ideals and are preferable to the outdated stereotype of the PE teacher as primarily interested in the selection and training of teams. We should resist the attempt at turning the clock back, and remember all those erable, who hung about on the sidelines while a minority were groomed for excellence and Yours faithfully. OLIVER LEAMAN,

2 Eaton Road, Cressington Park, Still organized From Mr Derek Stockdale

Women improving

From Mr Joseph Beer Sir, In the debate concerning male and female athletic perfor-mance (Sports Letters, February 15), as a triathlete I add further, yet conflicting, evidence, to that which Mr L Main presented. Ironman 1989: Male 8hr 9min 15sec; Female 9:0.56. Dif-ference: 9.553 per cent.

However, on viewing the Ironman results during the last decade, times indicate greater improvement by female athletes

Appealing still Complaints hark back to a golden age of PE used by David Gibbs in his letter (February 8) — "organized team games have virtually dis-appeared from the maintained

sector of education"? What does he mean by organized team games? As some-one who earns his bread and butter visiting maintained schools to observe and comment upon the teaching of physical education, I can assure David Gibbs that team games—
eg, basketball, rugby, cricket,
volleyball, nerball, hockey, etc—
are all very central features of what I observe.

Indeed, many commentators believe that these activities play too big a part in an overall scheme of work for physical education. The teachers have thought through their strategies for the lessons, including the amount of equipment to be used, the area to be used and the development of the lesson, from individual work to small group play, and sometimes, at the appropriate stage, to full sided

Every opportunity is taken not only to develop techniques (individually and in groups) but also a wider understanding of principles involved in games-playing. In such contexts, therefore, it is not really accurate to state that organized team games have virtually disappeared from maintained schools.

I suppose that David Gibbs really means inter-school team matches - and, of course, he is right in that statement, to the extent that there is no way nearly as much activity as there used to be. But there is some there are some teachers who are still prepared to give up their evenings and Saturdays, and not only for the girls and boys of their own schools, but at a regional and county level.

Yours faithfully. DEREK STOCKDALE 272 Avery Hill Road,

Sir, May I comment on a phrase Etham, London SE9. (almost double that of males):

Male 11:21.24 1989 8:9.15 Reduction 1:15.18 2:20.28 However, in such endurance events, the battle is not between the sexes, rather it is a battle

potential.

Yours faithfully JOSEPH BEER Clackham, Freshford Lane. near Bath, Avon.

between the individual and their

Peaceful times remembered

From Mr C Overson Sir, In the continuing correspondence about football grounds, it is often stated that in less affluent times fans did not travel to away games and hence there was little trouble at

I have always found this claim difficult to accept fully. Surely fans at least went to see their team play in local derbies, such as Liverpool and Everton, and major Cup games, including of course the Cup final?

The excellent centenary tory of Brentford FC, which I happen to be reading at present, refers to the formation of the refers to the formation of the supporters' club just after the war and to the large numbers of supporters that it took to away games. This is evidenced by a hatsaman size 1950 shouling photograph, circa 1950, showing at least a dozen coaches waiting to take fans to a - presumabl trouble-free - away match.

No doubt other evidence of this could be found. I certainly remember going to matches in the late 1950s and early 1960s where large numbers of support-ers of both sides co-existed peacefully.

Yours faithfully, C OVERSON. 9 Cambridge Road, North Harrow,

General alert From Mr Robert Scott-Ruccleuch

Sir, To discourage any feeling of over-confidence, I should like to alert the England and Scotland football team managers to the fact that, even restricting their choice to players active in the Rio and São Paulo leagues, the Brazilian selectors could field the following team in the forth-coming World Cup: Alexander, Julius Caesar, Arthur, Char-lemagne, Wallace, Eugène, Washington, Ney, Wellington, Nelson, Bismark, Reserves Moses, Zenon, Socrates, Marcus Aurelius, Francis of Assisi, John

Paul Manager: Luxembourg.
This selection, at least on paper, would seem to be invin-cible. Can either England or Scotland match it?

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has appeal From Mr Keith Moore

BOXING: A BRITISH WARRIOR WHO PACKS A POLITICAL PUNCH

The fluent English show French what might have been

From Sydney Friskin Lakore

England spared themselves the embarrassment of having to qualify for the next World Cup tournament with an em-

Except for a few early forays

Pakistanis in final against Dutch

Australia lost their hold on the famous West German full back. World Cup after being outrun by Pakistan, who won 2-1 before an enraptured crowd of 58,000 to qualify for tomorrow's final. They will play the Netherlands. who beat West Germany 3-2 in

work and acceleration, reached the final for the fifth time; the won the cup in1971, 1978 and

Pakistan's goal in the third minute by Anjum Saced from a short corner. They were quick to retaliate from a similar award seven minutes later thanks to Corbitt but thereafter were denied possession and could not play their usual running game. When Khalid Bashir con-

verted another short corner with a rasping shot in the 44th minute Australia's troubles began to multiply.
A sequence of missed chances

once again characterised Paki-stan's play. Before the start of this match they had converted only three of their 35 shot corners. Yesterday they capital-ized on two out of six. Australia had four short corners and scored from one.

As the match drew to a close Pakistan had more chances, which proved unavailing, but their defence managed to repel Australia's last desperate

Carsten Fischer, the world

With this win England made sure of finishing in the top six and a place in the next competition. They will now play off for fifth place against the Soviet Union, who surprisingly defeated Spain 2-

will not go home with a gold medal, but yesterday he de-served one for bringing the Germans back in the game twice with two goals from short corners, both beautifully struck. But they were not enough to prevent the Dutch emerging worthy winners in the earlier semi-final and reach the final for Pakistan, with brilliant stick-

the third time. They were win-ners in 1973 and runners-up to Pakistan in 1978. Yesterday's match was decided on set pieces, four of the five goals coming from short corners and the fifth from a penalty stroke. But if Fischer had the power, Dutchman Bovelander, who converted three short corners, had the precision. He preferred the deft

flick to the power-driven shot to frustrate the German defenders The Netherlands, having taken the lead with a Bove-lander goal in the 31st minute, were still leading at the interval. Fischer then scored in the 56th minute and Delissen for the Dutch in the 65th from a penalty stroke. Fischer scored

the match into extra time leav-ing Bovelander to win it for the Dutch with a goal 12 minutes before the end.

again in the 67th minute to send

RUGBY LEAGUE

St Helens lure Bourneville

By Keith Macklin

Mark Bourneville, the New Zealand international back, will arrive at St Helens this afternoon to sign for the club, despite numbles of discontent from Bourneville, who toured Great Britain with the 1985 Kiwis, has been playing for Villeneuve but has never been officially cleared or registered with them. Geoff Sutcliffe, the

ssures me that he has told Villeneuve that he is signing for St Helens, and they have accepted it."

Bourneville, who is 25 and

BADMINTON

'Old man'

Frost is

favoured

By Richard Eaton

Morten Frost will be the oldest

top seed of modern times at next month's Yonex All England championships. The Hertford-shire domiciled Dane who will be 32 shortly after this year's Wombles awar has been made

Wembley event, has been made

favourité according to the seed-

ing list announced yesterday.

Nevertheless it will take a

great deal for one of the best all-

round player of the Eighties to win his fifth men's singles title.

Two major dangers appear to lie in wait — China's Zhao Jianhua, who beat him in the brilliant 1985 final, and the

Indonesian teenager Ardy Wiranata, whose athletic air-

borne attacking brought Frost

down in the quarter-finals of the world championships nine

months ago.

The women's top seed, Susi

Susanti, who is only 18, is much more representative of modern

age trends. However her nearest rival should be the second seeded Tang Jiuhong of China, the world grand prix winner. England's Fiona Smith, who

won three Commonwealth gold medals in Auckland, and Helen

Troke, the former European

There are two seeding places

for England's double specialist

Gillian Gowers in the women's and mixed doubles, in partner-ship with Gill Clark and Den-

hampion, are also seeded

in Ness Flowers, the former Wigan scrum half, who scored a treble, and Mark Oxley, the weight 151/2st, is a utility player who can play at wing, centre or back-row forward. Sutcliffe said: Although he cannot play in the Challenge Cup, he will be a great asset in the run-in for the championship and premier-ship." Bourneville is the first

Zealander who knows Bourneville as a club player. Wales scored a surprise 30-10 victory in the student inter-national at South Glamorgan behind at half-time, but were inspired by a "mature student"

wing, who scored a try and six goals. Oxley is the son of David Oxley, the chief executive of the Rugby Football League.

The two amateur clubs from signing by the new St Helens coach, Mike McClennan, a New London, St Mary's College and

Twickenham, have home ties in the third round of the National Cup this weekend. They play Woolston and Wigan St Patrick's, respectively.

the champion's first title we all realize that if we couldn't The 1990 university match between Oxford and Cambridge will take place at Headingley on defence.
"That's why I'm here. If Holyfield and Douglas fight, ity," Johnson said.

Breland

so nice a guy to beat up

was a more fluent England team who left their followers

Only two early alarms were

raised for England in the form of short corners to France who

had taken fully 17 minutes to

enter the circle. But Row-

lands, making his first appear-

ance in goal in this tournament, saved on both occasions from Feix.

A mix-up in the French defence led to England's first

goal in the 25th minute by Thompson, who chased the ball to the right of the circle

and drove in a hard, angled shot. Two minutes before the

interval, Kerly worked the ball

across the face of the goal and

released it for Clift to seize his

The vigilance of the French defence prevented England converting a sequence of three

short corners early in the second half, but their ascen-

goals, both by Kerly. The first

was set up for him by Leman

in the 52nd minute with a

timely back pass and the second in the 57th from Soma

The best the French could

offer in retaliation was a short

corner which led to a

BNGLAND: S Rowlands; P Bolland, D Faultoner, J Potter (autr. R Hill), Some Single, M Grisnley, C Mayer (sub: S Batchator), R Lenner (captain), S Kerly (sub: R Garcie), N Thompson.

(saux H Garcies), N Thompson. FRANCE P Florint; P Febt, D Lovison (sut: P Riollier), M Catonnat (captain), G van Hout, J Ponthieu, S Mondac, G Delaverme, T Delaverme (sut: C Clement), F Chiraz, C Visite (sut: G Liadre).

• Ignacio Escude's goal for

Spain in the 68th minute from

a short corner was his eighth

in the World Cup which kept

him in the position of top

scorer but it was not enough to

save Spain. Deputatov scored

for the Soviet Union in the

21st minute and Cholopov added another in the 40th

pires: D Prior (Aux) and C Seidler (W

Singh's free hit.

scramble

done it all before.

If Lloyd Honeyghan's bexing can live up to the deeds of his hero, Nelson Mandela, he should become the first British wondering why they had not snown become the first British
boxer to win the world champiouship three times at Wembley
on March 3. Honeyghan has
dedicated his challenge for
Mark Breland's World Bexing

Mark Breland's World Boxing Asociation welterweight title to the South African super-heavy-weight, who has outdistanced all his opponents. "Nelson Mandela was a great boxing fan who boxed himself." Honeyghan told a press con-ference yesterday. "He means freedom to me, the right of black ference yesterday. He means freedom to me, the right of black

Africa."

If this should be seen as bype jumping on the bandwagon of a political fighter, Honeyghan can be absolved from any charge of fiannelling, He refused to defend his title against Harold Volbrecht, of South Africa, in 1986 and forfeited the WBA part of his undisputed title.

"I don't respect Brehand for fighting a South Africaa [Volbrecht for the vacant title] and I cannot allow him to beat me for that. But I don't want this

me for that. But I don't want this to be turned into a political fight. to be turned into a political fight. I am just putting my point of view. He is such a nice guy, it is a shame I have to beat him up."

Honeyghan even took his inspiration from Africa for a special half-and-half hair-do. He said he had been impressed by a programme on African warriors on television. "They would prepare for war by doing all sorts of things to their hair." he said "I'm a warrior. It's like

he said "I'm a warrior. It's like going back to my roots." He claimed that he was in better shape for this bout than he was for Douald Curry when he lifted the title four years ago. Mike Tyson's downfall has made him train even harder. "I want this title so bad, you can't imagine how bad, when I saw what happened to Mike Tyson I got up and went for a 14-mile run instead of my normal eight or 10. I don't want to get tired or run

man, who won the world heavy-weight crown in 1973, attempted to move his massive

frame into the title picture yesterday, declaring himself

ready to meet Buster Douglas, who knocked out Mike Tyson in

Tokyo, on February 10, if negotiations break down for a bout between Douglas and Evander Holyfield, the No. 1

Foreman, aged 41, attended a

news conference called by Douglas and his manager, John Johnson, and later said he was

A close shave with the barber: Honeyghan goes back to his hair roots with an African coiffure ring in Florida, he is unlikley to

suffer from arthritis. "I've been looking after them," he said. "I dont punch the heavy bag any more. I always try not to use my hands in training to save them for the fight because they are not 100 per cent. Hed the problem. 100 per cent. Had the pro since 19, gets worse and worse. It's nice to be fighting in my home town; if I'm not right on

win, you've got something to

Holyfield's promoter. Dan Duva, had said he wanted the bout to take place in June so the

boxers could "strike while the

ity that Douglas could meet Foreman if talks with

Holyfield's handlers go nowhere. He predicted the bout would bring in the same type of

revenues as a Douglas-Holyfield

come to reasonable terms with these people, that's a possibil-

"We're not talking about a

Johnson held out the possibil-

iron is hot".

be using his hands between now and the the big day. "I'm just here to maintain my weight," he said. However, despondent supporters can take heart from this message from the promoter, hands in better shape. He is probably the best Lloyd

bout, claimed that, apart from Bruno's contests, this one would

be the biggest, financially, of his career as a promoter. Already more tickets have been sold than for Honeyghan's return bont with Jorge Vaca. The bout, which will be seen live in 20 countries, is expected to make £550,000 from a sell-out at the 13,000-capacity Wembley

Foreman lining up Lewis turns down bout with Douglas title opportunity

Las Vegas (AP) - George Fore- what does it mean? Nothing, If I Lennox Lewis, the Olympic super-heavyweight gold medal winner, has turned down the chance to chase the Common-wealth title because his manager

does not think he is ready to go the distance. wanted the bout — a final eliminator — to be over 10 rounds but Frank Maloney, the manager of Lewis, will not be diverted from a careful plan, which he hopes will end in a

challenge for the world title. "Everything is going accordbe totally wrong to be diverted," Maloney said yesterday. "Len-nox has been boxing only over six rounds until now and the

eight rounds contest against

"Kilimanjaro is a definite step-up in class and I would expect Lennox to have two or three more contests before moving on to 10 rounders."

of his 34 contests, is ranked No. 26 by the World Boxing Council, but has lost to two

Lewis will go on to box in Gateshead on March 22, and the Albert Hall in April. Maloney is tests in Moscow and Tel Aviv.

Conditions

look ripe

for Hadlee

From Qamar Ahmed Auckland

Instead of naming 12 players, as has been their usual practice on

the tour. India will select from

13, including the medium-paced bowler Vivek Razdan, for the

third and final Test which starts

at Eden Park today. New Zealand have a 1-0 lead in the

predict, although the pitch was very well grassed before its final cut. India's caution is under-standable. However, it is hard to

see Razdan, whose only two previous Tests were on the tour

of Pakistan late last year, making the final selection.

Bishen Bedi, the Indian coach, said no decision would

be made until after a final inspection of the pitch when it

could be seen how much grass

The feeling remains, however, that India will opt for the extra

batsman to try and counter the threat of Richard Hadlee, who may well find conditions enough to his liking to add substantially to his record number of Test wickets. New Zealand have Moreton Seedden

land have Morrison, Snedden

and Thomson available to make

up a four-strong pace attack it

had been left on.

With conditions difficult to

Palace Recreation Centre on Monday, is just the right move for him at this time.

Kilimanjaro, who has won 28

British boxers, Hughroy Currie and Horace Notice.

CSTIVAL ENTITIES

GOLD CUP: Aquilifier, Baltyhane, Bermbrook Again, Bishops Yern, Bonenza Boy, Call Collect, Carvil's HB, Carvies Boy, Call Collect, Carvil's HB, Carvies Corwin, Celtic Shot, Cool Ground, Desert Orchid, Kildimo, Mald of Money, Midnight Count, Nick The Brief, Norton's Con, Pegwell Bey, Ten Of Spedes, The Balsawell Bey, Ten Of Spedes, The Balsawell Bey, The Tranker, Toby Tobies, Twin Celts, Yalnco.

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bay colt foal Top French miler Miesque, who won the 1987 1,090 Guineas, has



CRICKET: LEG-SPIN FROM AN IN-FORM BATSMAN GIVES ENGLAND A SELECTORS A FURTHER OPTION IN ZIMBABWE

the most logical candidate for fight with George Foreman, but

Yorkshire take on Atherton provides a bonus overseas opener

By Peter Ball

A year after rejecting the idea of signing Viv Richards, Sat-urday's Yorkshire AGM will learn that a player from overseas has been taken on after all. Craig White, a graduate of the Australian Cricket Academy, is to join the county in April.

The debate over signing over-seas players is one that has divided Yorkshire cricket in recent years, with several members of the committee convinced that only by doing so can the county compete in the modern game. Six months ago the suggestion that Yorkshire should employ overseas cricket-ers helped to cost Phil Carrick the captaincy.

Traditionalists can relax on this occasion, however. White, an Australia Under-19 opening batsman and off-spin bowler. from Adelaide, was born in Yorkshire. His family emigrated to Australia in 1977. White also

Boycott.
"I've got a copy of his birth certificate, and it says born in Mortey." Steve Oldham, the Yorkshire manager, said of White yesterday. "He sounds a very good player from what you can tell by figures. In February he played against the Sri Lankan tourists and scored 80, then he

tice for young English and Australian players to spend a summer playing in the other country, several English players benefitting from scholarships for that purpose, Laurie Potter, the Kent and Leicestershire

batsman, represented both countries at schools level. White is a slightly different case, as he was recommended to Yorkshire by Jack Potter. Potter is a coach at the Australian Academy and a friend of Bob Appleyard, the former York-shire off spinner, who is a member of the county

White will be attached to the Yorkshire Cricket Academy, which is based on the Australian model, and will play for Farsley in the Bradford League.

 Hampshire have agreed terms with Linden Joseph, the West Indian fast bowler, and will sign indian last bowler, and will sign him in time for the team's pre-season tour of Barbados. Jo-seph, aged 21, has been spearheading Guyana's attack in the Red Stripe Cup and was a member of the Young West Indies tour party to Zimbabwe last autumn. He was recom-mended to Hampshire by Malcolm Marshall, whose contract with the county expires at the end of next season.

Five wickets for the wrist spin of Michael Atherton was the main feature y-sterday on the second day of England A's three-day match against Young

Atherton's success underlined that the touring team have a second option where slow bowlsecond option where slow bowling is concerned during the
forthcoming one-day and fiveday fixtures against Zimbabwe.
On another day of blistering
heat, Atherton took four for 12
in his first nine overs in midafternoon after Young Zimbabwe had lost only one wicket
in the first three hours. in the first three hours. The tour selectors had not

ruled out the possibility of including both slow left-arm bowlers, Illingworth and Afford, in the representative games. Local pitches are proving so ifeless that spin bowling could play a significant role. With Atherton certain of his

place as a baisman, and yes-terday's early confirmation that the Zimbabweans could be vulnerable to spin, means that England A can include an extra batsman. This could be important as the summons for Chris Lewis to join the senior side in West Indies deprived the A party of a rejust all-rounder. A party of a valued all-rounder and left them with a dangerous lengthening of their tail. Afterwards, Atherton was suitably modest, saying: "I managed to drop it on the spot and had the luck that the other bowlers did not have. Some

Of the other bowlers, Afford, shade unlucky as a quicker and shorter googly kept low and had

who bowled with good control and had little luck. Other plus marks for England A were that Watkin rediscovered his line, while both he and Rhodes, the wicketkeeper, have clearly thrown off the effects of food

poisoning.

With the one-day internationals start this weekend,
Nicholas reshuffled the batting order to give practice to those who needed it most. Unfortunately, he himself played on via a boot in the second over before Whitaker and Thorpe batted

confidently until the close.
Young Zimbabwe concentrated on survival until the later stages of their innings.
Flower, aged 19 and considered an international prospect, stayed for almost four hours as stayed for almost four hours as he laboriously accumulated 46 in 62 overs. Bruk-Jackson was similarly subdued before he tried to drive Pringle and was caught at extra cover.

Atherion brought much-

needed entertainment when he joined the attack. His sixth ball, he admitted later, was a half-volley which tempted Murphy to drive and Nicholas took the catch at slip above his head. A much better ball, a top-spinner, hit Goodwin's off stump in the next over as the balsman tried to defend on the back foot. Flower was out to the best ball Atherton bowled, an alluring, classic googly to which the batsman padded up and was leg before without offering a stroke. Briant, the fourth victim, was a

Atherton found it harder against several aggressive strokes by the left-hander, Crocker, who was the last man out when he finally fell to a out when he finally fell to a tumbling catch by Pringle at deep mid-on. Before this, Evans had trusted to his eye, but immediately after on-driving Afford for six he was bowled behind his legs trying to repeat the stroke. Afford also beat Du Preez with turn as the batsman radded up.

pardice up.
ENGLAND & First Innings 294 for 5 dec
(M A Atherton 91, J P Stephenson 90, D J
Bicknell 50 not out).
Second Innings.
J J Whitaker not out
Of F Thorpe not out

Total (4 sets)

FALL OF WICKET: 1-6. BOWLING: Mackey 4-2-13-0; Dube 4-0-16-1; Baker 3-0-7-0; Crocker 2-1-4-0; Du

Presz 1-1-0-0.
VOLINES ZEMBABNIKE: First innings
G K Bruk-Jackson of Bicknet b Pringite 43
G Flower Ibw b Atherton 46
K J Mapphy of Nicholas b Atherbin 10
D G Goodwar b Atherton 0
C N Evans b Afford 35
G A Braart Ibw b Atherbon 17
G J Crocker of Pringie b Atherbon 24 Total (8 wids dec) E Dube and G Baker did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-64, 2-108, 3-113, 4-128, 5-151, 6-179, 7-201, 8-204. BOWLING: Lawrence 12-4-24-0; Watkin 13-6-22-0; Artord 26-9-66-2; Pringle 11-3-32-1; Stephenson 5-0-21-0; Atherton

Sussex to spend surplus on ground MCC announces team for tour of Argentina

MCC is sending a party of 14
players on a three-week tour to
Argentina next week which, in
its own way, will play a part in
repairing diplomatic links. It
will be the first time MCC has
sent a side there since the
Faiklands conflict, in 1982.
Other than Paul Parker of
Aires, and playing eight

By Ivo Tennant

wicketkeeper, it will comprise club cricketers. The manager will be John Jameson, the former England batsman who is an assistant secretary of MCC. Jack Bond will be going as an ampire and also to assist the development of umpiring in

representative side in three one-day matches and one two-day

up a four-strong pace attack if required.
Gursharan Singh, aged 27, from Delhi, is likely to be included for his first cap, having shown some encouraging form outside of the Tests, as well as the out-of-form Vengsarkar, leaving Hirwani and Razdan as the discards. This would mean the discards. This would mean India going into the match a bowler short, leaving Kapil Dev. Prabhakar, Wasson and the leg spinner Raju, as the only specialists, although the gentle

> John Bracewell had a long showed he was not inconvenienced by a bruised index finger. John Wright, the New Zealand captain, seems keen that he should play to lend the attack some variety. The captain who wins the toss will almost certainly ask the opposition to bat.

medium-pacers of the captain,

Azharuddin, cannot be

SILION to DAL.

NEW ZEALAND (from): J G Wright (captain), T J Frankin, A H Jones, M D Crows, M J Greathatch, K R Rutherford, J G Bracawell, I D S Smith, R J Hadles, M C Snedden, D K Mortson, S Thomson.

NDIA (front): M Azharudkin (captain), W V Raman, M Prabhakar, S V Manjreley, D B Vengsantar, S R Tendukar, Kapil Dev, K S More, S L V Raju, A Wasson, N Hirwani, V Razdan, Gursherer Singh.

reinstated at 12-1 for Triumph Paul Kelleway is more optimis-tic that Stone Flake will be fit in time to take his chance in the Triumph Hurdle next month. The colt was made favourite for the Cheitenham sestival contest after an impressive debut win at Wolverhampton earlier this month, but his participation was thrown into doubt last week after he pulled a doubt last week after he prined a muscle in his hindquarters. Kelleway, who rates Stone Flake the best hurdler he has trained, yesterday said: "I am now quite hopeful that he will make it to Cheltenham. "He's done his first little canter since the injury this morning and he seems all right. We will be working him grad-We will be working him grad-

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Paul Kelleway: optimistic Stone Flake will be fit ually from now on and each day will tell us more."
No decision is, however, likely to be made until nearer the Triumph, which is on March

RACING

Stone Flake,

Ladbrokes have re-intro-duced Stone Flake into their betting at 12-1 for the race. They make Royal Square, an eight-length winner at Huntingdon on Tuesday, 4-1 favourite and then bet 10-1 Martin Pipe's Silver

Barnbrook Again still **Cup factor**

Connections of Barnbrook Again have still not ruled out a possible tilt at the Cheltenham Gold Cup on March 15.

The two mile champion chaser was left in the race at yesterday's forfeit stage and his owner Mel Davies said: "I hope Elsworth at Wincanton tomor-row. But I still think it unlikely we will make a

"My trainer favours the Queen Mother Champion Chase, but so many things can happen in the run-up to the Gold Cup and my feeling is it could be a very small field this There's a nattern emerging

for the race and last weekend's events show that there is nothing to fear from Carvill's Hill or Maid Of Money.'

A major factor governing any decision is likely to be the state of the ground. Davies is not keen Cup on soft or heavy ground, especially as - subject to invitation — he may be sent to run in the Dueling Grounds International Hurdle in Kentucky on April 22.

Festival entries

Miesque has

produced her first foal — a bay colt by Mr Prospector — at Lane's End Farm, in Versailles, Kentucky. Miesque is now due to be covered by Blushing Groun

• The John Jenkins-trained Southernair (Mark Perrett) was beaten over 40 lengths when seventh behind all-the-way winner Collins (Didier Mescam) in the Prix le Bonif at Anteul yesterday. Southernair remains in France for a crack at the Prix Lorett at Emphism 1998. Loreto at Enghien next





ROWING

By a Special Correspondent The Amateur Rowing Association amounced yesterday the appointment of its chief inter-national coaches for 1990. There

were no surprises.
David Tanner, who took over as men's chief coach in July 1989, will continue with the heavyweight men's squad. The lightweight men will be the responsibility of Mark Lees, the Cambridge coach, and a man of proven ability with lightweights during his period with Nottingham County in the mid-1980s. Bob Michaels will be responsible for both the heavyweight and lightweight women's squads, a dual role which is by no means unworkable since the numbers are not large

Second term for Tanner

of their county ground at Hove. It has also enabled them to clear debts of £44,105. "Although a major factor in this success was the substantially increased contribution from the Test and County Cricket Board, which resulted from increased income achieved from the Australian tour, nearly

that given the right ingredients

of weather, good cricket, pub-licity and effort, cricket can still

The record profit of £100,264 that Sussex made last year, together with £94,591 raised through their 150th anniversary appeal, has given the club a nucleus for the re-development of their country and the suspense of the su

that, even though Hove Bor-ough Council is opposed to the all other items of income showed welcome increases," Par Tye, the Sussex treasurer, said. "This was particularly in the case of receipts from matches and marketing.
These factors surely show

Over the next decade, Sussex intend to develop Hove completely, "In 10 years' time, the ground will not be reoognizable," Alan Wadey, the vice-chairman, said. "For instance, the pavilion needs a bomb put under it." Sussex feel that every though Your Bon-

ground becoming a commercial enterprise, there has to be something more than 60 days' cricket a year staged there. Sussex own the ground and are open to suggestions from planners. "A minimum of £5m will be needed for re-development so we are going to the market place," Wadey said. "The Council are opposed to us putting up office blocks but we are looking to them to help us."

Sussex have re-seeded the Sussex have re-seeded the playing area of Hove. Nigel Bett, the club secretary, said they were monitoring the progress at the new ground at Hastings but did not expect to play second XI cricket there before 1992. The Central Ground in Hastings has not been developed as playing not been developed as planned and may be available for county cricket next year. The delay in building came too late for Sussex to amend their fixtures for this season. Tony Pigott, the Sussex all-rounder who was capped in 1982, has been awarded a

benefit for 1991. Glamorgan announced yesterday their Refuge Assurance League game against Lancashire on May 27 will be played at Colwyn Bay instead of Aberystwyth. This means there will be no county cricket at Aberyst-wyth this year.

Argentina next week which, in its own way, will play a part in repairing diphomatic links. It will be the first time MCC has sent a side there since the Falklands conflict, in 1982.

Other than Paul Parker, of Sussex, who will captain the side, and Rodney Cass, the former Worcestershire wicketkeeper, it will comprise club cricketers. The manager will be John Jameson, the representative side in three one-

match. There will also be a fixture against an Argentina under-25 XI. At the end of the tour, Argentina will announce their party for the ICC Trophy in The Netherlands in sammer.

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whether he will let himself go

Kildimo, the past two winners

of the Jim Ford Challenge

Cup, are to make a belated

seasonal debut in today's run-

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always been the easier to get

At Folkestone, Tim Forster

can win the two main races

with Harbour Walk (2.45) and

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3.0 KINGWELL HURDLE (Listed race: £10,430: 2m) (9 runners)

BET HOUSE OF INTERNAL 20-1 others.

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FORM FOCUS CRUSSING ALTITUDE | 7th when 3½1 4th to Beech Road in less year's ter oit) 1½ back in 4th when beating Nomedic Way a head at Cheltonham (2m, firm) in December. Pre-viously impressive when making virtually all to beat Morley Street 81 at Newbury (2m 100yd, good to limi).

RRIBENSIS, beatsn only once in 9 starts over hurden, not PLOYD Hib better off) 12½1 away 3rd when beating Osric 2½1 at Kempton (2m, good) latest. Has conditions in his favour and wall be hard to beat.

FLOYD had MOLE BOARD (8b better off) 1½1 back in 8th and KRIBENSIS (4b worse off) a well beatin | 3 selection: KRIBENSIS (nap) | 3 na. IIM EADD CHALL FIMSE CHIP CHALL FILE | 1 isted race: PA 415; 3m 1ft (4 runners)

3.30 JIM FORD CHALLENGE CUP CHASE (Listed race: £8,415; 3m 1f) (4 runners)

FORM FOCUS CAVVIES CLOWN 9-11-10 H Amont (9-5) to Selections 3 rain returning at the final lence in last years Gold Cup, had previously beaten Golden Freeze 2% in last year's gold Cup, had previously beaten Golden Freeze 2% in last year's sendown lasted event (3m 118yd, good) over a year running of this race (good to soft).

GOLDEN FREEND, 20 mot a desarroe 3rd of 4 to lasted const. (3m 118yd, good) over a year ago. COOL GROUND, 8% i sh of 7 to Ten Of Species in a steed race at Ascot (3m 118yd, good) is at his bast over a longer trip man he encounters here.

Selections: CAVVIES CLOWN

4.0 GEORGIE NEWALL NOVICES CHASE (£2,524: 2m) (16 runners)

1 0-F8144 BOLD KING'S MISSAR 12 (CD.Q.S) (D Plunkett) Mrs S Armytage 7-11-10 Ges Assytage 85

2 F124F8 ARE BID 27 (CD.S) (Rvin S Maitby) R Hodges 7-11-10 Mr C Meude (7) 76

3 65-3441 GEORGIC 7 (CD.S) (P Harvey) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-5 Mr Pitons 6 93

4 00-P0 CURRY EXPRESS 42 (P Doggraft) R Hodges 7-11-2 G McCourt 6

6 4-5806U DEENNESS SPCOK 17 (Mrs L Turner) T Thomson Jones 7-11-2 B de Hasen 7

103449- DUKE OF HAZARD 448 (BF) (Mrs M Crowdy) N Gaselee 7-11-2 A Adesse 6

8 53/4-0F LUCKY FEN 3 (F) (P Purby) B Forsey 10-11-2 B D Stigmen 75

9 2354-0P LUCKY FEN 3 (F) (P Purby) B Forsey 10-11-2 B D Stigmen 75

10 224-103 MALLYPHA 22 (F,Q) (R Fith) D Elsworth 6-11-2 B Powel 10

10 244-103 MALLYPHA 22 (F,Q) (R Fith) D Elsworth 6-11-2 Mr Bosley 0000 MARNER'S STAR 40 (J Long) J Bosley 6-11-2 Mr Bosley 0000 MARNER'S STAR 40 (J Long) J Bosley 6-11-2 Mr Bosley 12

8 /00/0-P MASTER GLEASON 99 (B Kilpetrick) D Murray Smith 7-11-2 Mr Bosley 10

10 0000 SHORE LIGHT 722 (R Cross) S Dow 6-11-2 Mr C Meusedow 16

10 5-16-134 CORE VANNICH 14 (D.G.B) (Mrs J George) P Hobbs 6-10-11 Peter Hobbe 16

10 BETTING: 13-8 Georgic, 5-2 Mathypin, 4-1 Coire Varnich, 8-1 Master Gleason, 10-1 Bold King's Husser, 22

10 1909 SHORE JOHN 1-10-11 S Planker (1-1) 1906 King's Husser, 22

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Astre Radieux at Werwick (2m 4f. good to soft).
GEORGIC easily best Random Romance 15 at
Lucester (2m, soft) last lime; stable in great form.
LUCKY FEN below form this term; best effort 29 4th
of 10 to Western Courties at Newton Abbot (2m,
150yd, 5rm). MALLYPHA, winner of 4 of his 13

Selection: GEORGIC

S: FOUR STAR LINE 4-10-10 H Devies (20-1) W G M Turner 14 ren

FORM FOCUS BARRISH makes his to Sayyure at Kempton (2m 4; good; previously 20t performer on the Flat, he put up his best effort when beating Lyreen Rher 3 at Brighton (1m 4f, fkm).

COME ON TOBY showed a little promise when 2st shr of 15 to Cache Flatur in a Warwick bumper (2m, shot), FERRYSTREAM, trained by Guy Harwood on the Flat, makes his hurding bow for John Baker; put up best effort when winning Beth maiden (1m 3f 150yd, good to firm). IVEAGH HOUSE, 48f 4th of 16 Salection: IVEAGH HOUSE

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4.30 MERE MAIDEN HURDLE (4-Y-O: £2,038: 2m) (21 runners)

2.15 WEARE NOVICES CHASE (\$2,544: 2m 4f) (11 runners)

2.45 GERALD GLOVER STAYERS NOVICES HURDLE (23,288: 2m 6f) (7 runners)

fit, is preferred.

Blue Dart (3.15).

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this time.

Kribensis to strengthen title claim

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

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1.15 Bill Cornwall

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With Cruising Altitude, Kribensis, Floyd, Mole Board and See You Then all standing their ground at Wincanton today, the Kingwell Hurdle has developed into a mini championship.

If a lesson was to be learned from Monday's National Spirit Trophy at Fontwell Park, where Vagador just managed to pip Beech Road on advantageous terms, it was that form at this level is to be relied upon.

In the circumstances, Mole has not been easy to train, Board can be expected to run a Kribensis enters the fray fresh big race at these weights even

When he finished sixth in the Champion Hurdle last year, he was less than 1½ last race. That was at Cheltenham in December when he called North and in December when he called North Andrew North Andrew North Andrew North Andrew North

2.00 Riverhead.

Going: good

2.30 Terra Di Siena.

ture race. Also, it is pertinent to add

them weight this afternoon.

time that Kribensis has ever Altitude at level weights. been beaten over hurdles and I believe it only fair to give him pion See You Then is conthe benefit of the doubt on this cerned it is a bold move on the occasion, especially since to- part of his trainer, Nicky day's sharper course will suit him to perfection. Unlike Mole Board, who

just after Christmas.

3.30 Cavvies Clown.

4.00 Mallypha. 4.30 Iveagh House.

WINCANTON

Selections By Mandarin

By Michael Seely 3.00 KRIBENSIS (nap). 3.30 Kildimo.

2.0 DMA BUSINESS SYSTEMS NOVICES HURDLE (£3,498: 2m) (21 runners)

1 42-118 AROEN 55 (D.F.G) (Lord Howard de Welden) C Brooks 6-11-11 NON-RUNNER — 12311 POLLOCK 118 (D.F.G) (Mrs M Begrove) M Poe 7-11-11 J Lover 79

3 6-41241 RIVERHEAD 7 (D.S) (White Horse Racong Lid) D Esworth 5-11-11 G Bradley e 99

4 P SENOT 300 (N De Savary) N Thomson 5-11-3 S Plesmidge (7)

5 COLOMEL OYKELLY (Mrs J Pasto) D Barons 6-11-3 S Plesmidge (7)

6 3 D DINCAN IDAND 27 (A Brown) R Callow 7-11-3 M Fixtgerald (7)

7 121-5 FOR HEAVEN'S BAKE 162 (D.BF.F.G) (K Bell) C Broad 5-11-3 D Tegg CALREDIAY 500F (I Arbuthnott) J Roberts 5-11-3 S Turter 9

9 GURADANGUS BOS (I Abratham) Mrs A Kinght 7-11-3 S Turter 10 AMAZ ZILLU SI (Mrs A Toylor) P Hoobs 5-11-3 PARADISE PARK 106 (Paralix Tapes & Conversions Lid) J Gliford 6-11-3 PARADISE PARK 106 (Paralix Tapes & Conversions Lid) J Gliford 6-11-3 M Bowtby THE TORNOGE STIF (J Hoers) R Callow 5-11-3 Mir N Mitchell (7) 50

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15 VERTIGO 832F (S Burlield) Mrs J Wonnacott 5-11-3 Mark Williams VERTIGO 832F (S Burlield) Mrs J Wonnacott 5-11-3 Berliell TS DONNA'S TOKEN S (R Brown) M Brown 5-10-12 D Bale McKnown D BETTING: 4-5 Riverhead, 2-1 Polock, 6-1 Young Fact, 10-1 Wise Customer, 12-1 Paradise Park, Young Fact, 16-1 others.

FORM FOCUS POLLOCK has not raced since beating teach. Kemeo Style 71 at Hereford (2m 31, good) in October.

RIVERHEAD had reappearing YOUNG FACT, who will be better for that run, well behind when beating Style Plate a head at Sandown (2m, soft) jatest, head specified a head at Sandown (2m, soft) jatest, head up that day having previously weakened on flat when 3ki 4th to Whatever You Like at Ascot (2m, soft).

Selection: RIVERHEAD

BETTRICE 5-2 Terra Di Siena, 7-2 Tidal Stream, 9-2 Mandraki Shuffe, 5-1 Temino, 8-1 Rendolph Cree-t, 10-1 Green Marbis, Foxborough Lad, 14-1 others.

FORM FOCUS TAMENO had PROB4th when beating Mister Feethers 10i at Windsor (2m 5i, good to firm) latest.

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5i, good to firm) latest, hung right on the run-in when a neck 2nd to Gaste Spinney at Towcester (2m 50yd, good to firm) previously, seacconstoner (2m 50yd, good to firm) previously, seacconstoner (2m 50yd, good to firm) previously, seacconstoner (2m 50yd, good to firm) previously at Towcester (2m 50yd, good to firm) previously at Towcester (2m 50yd, good to soft) previously impressed when beating at the last behind infinity of an strongly to beat Sashful Lad 4 at Herstord (2m 11, firm) last May, TIDAL STREAM had ROCK (SAINT (7hi) and BRYSIA (8hi) behind when all out to beat Wash Wombat a neck at Chepstow (2m 4f, heavy) on penultimate outing. Kept on when 22 2nd to Hitchcock at Ultimoster (2m 4f, soft) latest, GRIEEN

MARBLE steps up in distance sher one pace 231 3rd to Jazzy Jumper at Plumpon (2m, soft) is the 50 previously impressed when the internal previously impressed when beating day Gurner 201 over course and distance (good, CASH CRISSS a staying-on 4th, and should appreciate the return to the longer trip.

Selection: TERRA Dr SIEMA

Course specialists

FOLKESTONE

Selections

By Mandarin

Michael Seely's selection: 2.15 Comandante. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.15 COMANDANTE.

By Brian Beel

1.15 Random Time. 3.45 Give Me A Break.

Guide to our in-line racecard

1.15 TENTERDEN MAIDEN HUNTERS CHASE (Div I: £1,475; 2m 4f) (10 runners)

BETTENG: 13-8 Random Time, 7-2 Bonnie Sele, 11-2 Record Trout, 13-2 Didiseek, 10-1 others. 1999: CARL'S CHOICE B-12-0 G Cooper (11-10 fav) G Cooper 16 ran

1.45 EBF NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,110: 2m 100yd) (10 numers)

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (EF,F,C,S) (Mrs D Robinson) 8 Hell 12-0.

Going: soft, hurdles course heavy patches

208-014 TENERITE 28 (CD.RF.S) (8 Lawson) J Gifort 8-11-5...

C-AKRASH VALLEY 308 (J Hollowsii) Mrs. J Pitman 6-11-0...
CATCHAPSHNY (C COurage) M Wildingon 5-11-0...

348-6 CLEVER DICK 36 (Mrs. P Donidn) D Grissell 6-11-0...

8F. DUDLEY 301 (Queen Etzabeth) F Wishyn 7-11-0...

O JOKEN JACK 34 (R Townsend) R Townsend 5-11-0...

P JUST A BOOZER 17 (Mrs. A Piper) D Grissell 6-11-0...

P PARSOMIFY 316 (M Haistead) G Enright 6-11-0...

UB PAYLING 32 (S Sainsbury) T Forster 6-11-0...

CELTIC SERF 358 (T Nixon) T Forster 6-10-9...

SETTIMO 15-8 Taniante, 9-4 Altrach Valley, 4-1 Clever Dick, 9-2 Cat

2.45 Harbour Walk. 3.15 Blue Dart

3.45 GIVE ME A BREAK (nap).

Per cent 38.7 24.2 20.0 19.1 16.9 16.7

. B West (7) 8

334 4th to Whatever You Like at 1990 per 1990 pe

2.0 DMA BUSINESS SYSTEMS NOVICES HURDLE (£3,498: 2m) (21 runners)

towards the finish.

While the form of that race gallops. But gallops are one that they both finished in front has worked out well, a strict of Kribensis who, along with line through Floyd, who fin-Cruising Altitude, has to give ished fourth only two lengths adrift, suggests that Kribensis However, that was the only can take care of Cruising

As far as the former cham-Henderson, to return to the course where the 10-year-old broke down so badly

Yet following Saturday's disaster at Nottingham what from a short rest after beating else could he do if he wants to though he has not raced this Osric and Floyd at Kempton give him a chance on better ground because the alter-

place Floyd. Now he will be appeared to be coming to the even though he did wear a pair at least shown that he pos-

receiving a priceless 4lb from end of his tether as Nomadic on Tuesday morning when sesses the requisite stamina to Floyd, who has won the last Way and Beech Road were they appeared to have the cope with what is bound to be two runnings of today's fea- gaining ground hand over fist desired effect and stir him out a slog over 2% miles in the mud

> Having missed the whole of last season, one so gross as Blue Darr, my choice for the Gay Record Challenge Trophy, has understandably taken time to find his rhythm.

> But that was no more than Forster predicted and what his last race at Uttoxeter showed was that he was running into the sort of form

The day's best bet though should be Give Me A Break to win the second division of the Tenterden Maiden Hunters Chase. On his seasonal debut, Robert Goodall's eight-yearold split Colcombe Castle and Rodden Brook at Wincanton

M Boutby
M Richards
J Brown (7)
Pitzgunid (7)
N Brunnen
G McCourt

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J Rullion
K Mooney
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Smart Party Politics spoils Pitman's chance of a double

By Christopher Goolding

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Party Politics, a former point-topointer, put in a display of high potential when beating Garrison Savannah by seven lengths in the Highfield Road Novices Chase at Warwick yesterday. Not since The Dikler has a horse come through the point-to-point ranks with so much

Party Politics obviously has some way to go before he reaches the exaited heights of The Dikler, successful in the 1973 Cheltenham Gold Cap, but like

Cheltenham Gold Cnp, but like The Dikler, Party Politics measures 18 hands.

"He is not in anything at the Cheltenham festival as we missed the entries," declared David Stoddart, the gelding's owner-breeder. "I have always thought a lot of him and he has incredible speed to win over two miles as well as three." miles as well as three."

Mrs Judy Gaselee, wife of the winning trainer, Nick, explained: "Nick only wants to

give him just a couple more races and that will be it for the Party Politics upset the chance of a double for Mrs Pitman's stable with Garrison

However, earlier in the after-However, earlier in the after-mon, the Mrs Pitman-trained Midnight Train put in some spectacular jamping which took him into the lead five fences from home in the Sky Blue Handicap Chase, and from then on it was a question of how far he



Peter Scudamore: celebrated his 1,200th riding success

The chestnut, ridden by Ben de Haan, as stable jockey Mark Pitman would have had to put up overweight, will now go to Cheltenham for the Cathcart After an exasperating se-

After an exasperating sequence of refusals to start in three previous races, Pakka Major showed no signs of his previous reluctance. Racing up with the pace for two miles, the enigmatic character looked to be enjoying himself until dropping out of contention in the final half mile to finish shoth.

David Stait, representing Mrs.

David Stait, representing Mrs Pitman, had news of the Lambourn trainer's principal Cheltenham contenders: "Toby Tobias is in excellent form after his tumble at Newbury and goes atraight to Cheltenham for the Gold Cup. I can see him remning a terrific race against Desert Orchid." Stait added: "Don Valentino is on course for the Champion Hurdle and has come well."
With the inevitable television camera crew in tow, Martin Pipe

again provided a script to order when Run For Free galloped his rivals into the ground when coming home 20 lengths clear in the Coventry Trial Hurdle. "The BBC are making a film about me," Pipe ruefully remarked, "This is a nice horse and PA hand at a nice horse

and I'd hoped at one time he would make a chaser." Run For Free gave Peter Scudamore his 1,200th victory. "He thinks he is now after Willie Shoemaker's all-time rid-ing record," declared Edward Gilliespie, the Warwick clerk of

the course. Pipe, who was successful in the corresponding race last year with Sayfar's Lad who went on to win last season's Sun Alliance Hurdle at Cheitenham, will now send Run For Free for the same

Eastern Destiny repeated his

Eastern Destiny repeated his course victory in the Town Of Warwick Hunters Trophy in the capable hands of Antony Griffith for his mother, Jill.

A fortnight ago on the Warwickshire course, the grey was ridden by Antony's brother, James. "They own the horse in partnership," explained Mrs Griffith. "Antony is a lightweight lockey and they both weight jockey and they both manage to sort out impeccably whose turn it is to ride." However, Antony will be in the saddle when Eastern Des-

tiny goes for the Liverpool Foxhunters.

SOUTHWELL

Selections By Mandarin

2.10 Irish Passage. 2.40 Bronze Cross. 3.10 Go Dutch. 3.40 Wellsy Lad. 4.10 Small Fee. 4.40 Logamimo.

Going: standard 2.10 GIRTON HANDICAP (£2,469: 1m) (13 runners) .10 GIRTON HANDICAP (EZ. 2008. 1007), 1 1 1111 PUSH PASSAGE 9 (CO.F.G) T Berron 7-10-7 (7ex) Alex Greeves (5) 5

8 659- MY VALENTINE CARD &J (V) S Norton 4-8-4

2-1 Irish Passage, 5-2 Evening Star, 4-1 Payveshooz, 8-1 Concert Pitch, 10-1 Asbash, Hercie, 12-1 others. 2.40 MAPLEBECK CLAIMING STAKES (92,679: 71)

1 113- BLACK SABBATH 881 (D) A Smith (Bel) 5-9-4 J Contro (I) 1 2 1615 BROKZE CROSS 5 (CD,S) T Berron 5-8-10 5 050/ GRAND HARBOUR 10J (D.F.G) R Chempion 10-8-8

PERANG PERCY W Hastings-Beas 4-8-7

11-4 Bronze Cross, 3-1 Gothic Ford, 5-1 Perang Percy. Takdeer, 7-1 Racey Nasiora, 10-1 Presage, 12-1 others.

worth more than £1,000 for the lads or girls in charge of the successful horses in the £35,000 Greenall Whitley Chase at Haydock on Saturday week. The prizes include a weekend break for two to the lad or girl in charge of the winner and £200 cash to the winning stable.

3.10 NEW HOUGHTON MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O:

- Luculum at (ar) w resungs-1883 6-8 Com McKeons 3 MSS SEA A Belley 8-9 5 Whitecate 2 4-5 Lurking, 9-4 Go Dutch, 4-1 Lady Grenville, Miss Bes

3.40 HARDWICK HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,280: 7f) (5) 1 1211 WELLSY LAD 12 (CD) D Chapman 9-7.... S Wood (5) 5
2 9-31 SUPER ONE 7 (F,G) T Barron 9-5 (7ex)
3 4211 TELEGRAPH CALLGIRL 5 (CD) M British 8-10 (7ex)
4 8-14 PSYCHO SONNY 35 (CD,BF) C Alen 7-13 A Marco (3) 4
5 4413 LIZZY CANTLE 12 (D) C Wildman 7-9...... N Adams 3

15-8 Wellsy Lad, 3-1 Super One, 4-1 Telegraph Cellight, the Sonny, 7-1 Lizzy Cantle. 4.10 LAXTON HANDICAP (£2,553: 6f) (16)

1 3423 FARMER JOCK 5 (BF,F) Mrs N Macauley 8-10-0

5 6215 CRAIL HARBOUR 26 (D,Er) M Johnston 4-9-2
6 600/ REMORER WALK 34J (D,F,G) D Chapman 8-9-2
7 04-4 PARTY TO THE PARTY OF THE PARTY 3 4-40 WORK ON ARR 5 W O'Gorman 4-8-2..... A Minno (3) 8 14 0006 MIA SCRITTLIA 9 (3) 5 Bowring 4-9-1... P Dalton (7) 8 15 03-0 RESTLESS RHAPSODY 9 (F,Q) J O'Shee 7-7-11

J Cs. 16 8/0- EDGEWSE 229 (D,F,S) D Morris 7-7-9. F Mor 5-2 Small Fee, 3-1 Farmer Jock, 9-2 Crall Herbour, Sarum, Champion Girl, 10-1 Scotch Imp, 14-1 others. 4.40 KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD HANDICAP (\$2,364:

1 /363 DOLLAR SEEDER 9 (B.F.S) A Balley 6-10-0 3 Waltworth 3 2 640- COME TO TERMS 145 (D,F) T Berron 4-8-4

F Horton (7) 2 8 54-0 LORD IT OVER 9 (5) M Chapman 7-7-7... G Bardwell 4 7-4 Logamimo, 9-4 Red Jam Jer, 4-1 Dollar Seel 11-2 Come To Terms, 10-1 Drag Artist, 14-1 others. Course specialists

Allen, 3 from 16, 20.0%; C Tinider, 4 from 23, 17.4%; J Wherton, 5 from 39, 12.6%; Mrs N Macauley, 4 from 36, 11.1%. (Only qualifiers). Qualifiers).
JOCKETS: Alex Greeves, 16 winners from 31 rides, 51.5%; B
JOCKETS: Alex Greeves, 16 winners from 21, 14.3%; S Wood,
8 from 58, 13.5%; Deen McKeown, 3 from 23, 13.0%; S Maloney,
4 from 38, 10.3%.

Results from yesterday's three meetings

Warwick

Going: soft with heavy patches.

1.30 (2m 4f ch) 1, EASTERN DESTINY (Mr A Griffith, 5-2); 2, Moor Scope (Miss J Barrow, 3-1); 2, True Bloom (Mr G Tarry, 6-4 fev). ALSO RAN: 11 Matchplay (4th). 25 Lady Wastgate (pu), 33 Count Frederick (5th), 50 Director Please (f), 100 Katles Star (pu), Red Morgan (8th), Rugestino (pu), Star Shiner (ur), 11 ran. 2, 23, dist, 2, 10. Mrs J Griffith at Donbich, Tota: 23.30; 21.80, 21.20, 21.10. OF: 25.70. CSF: 29.80.

ES.70. CSF: 29.80.

2.9 (2m Sf fide) 1, SOMEBODY (Mr G Upton, 18-1); 2, Telemeter Gam (R Dunwoody, 7-1); 3. Trise Spertan (Mr D Dugger, 7-2); ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Dewn Prince (8th), 4 Knighten Lad (4th), 9 Dendy Manstrel (5th), 10 Lest Art (pu), Amesium, No Ransom, 11 ran. 11, 34, rst, 253, hd. J White at Wendover, Tota: 223.80; 24.30, 17.50, 21.50. DF: 281.70. CSF: 2110.58. Tricest 2437.73.

Tricest: £437.73.

2.30 (2m et ch) 1, 1800 HIGHT TRAIN (B de Haan, 15-8 fav); 2, Martum in Parve (N Williamson, 7-2; 3, Midmight Count (Peter Hobbs, 7-1), £150 RAN; 7-2 Raise An Argument (4th), 11 Centre Attraction (5th), 14 Putda Major (5th), 20 Wiggburn (pu), 25 Radical Request (pu), 8 ran. NF: Only Trouble, B; 20, 15, 71, 12, Mrs. J. Plaman at Upper Lembourn. Tota: £3.20; £1.40, £1.80, £1.80, DP: £5.70. CSP: £8.58. Tricest: £32.90.

3.9 (2m 5f hdle) 1, RUN FOR FREE (P Soutismore, 5-2; 2, Holy Joe (A Webb, 25-1); 3, Preed Creet (J Osborne, 5-1), ALSO HAN: 7-4 fav Kameo Style (Bdt), 11-2 Bur-goyne (5th), 10 Duntree (4th), 33 Castle Windows, 63 Beach Tiger, 8 rm, NR: File Concord. 20, 8, 14, 15l, 6t. M Plos at Wellington, Totac 53-10; £1.50, £2.20, £1.80, DF: £24.70, CSF: £46.55.

2:30. DF: 224.70. CSF: 282.55.

3.30 (Sm 1f ch) 1, PARTY POLITICS (A Adams, 25-1); 2, Gerneon Severansh (M Pitman, 2-1 favi; 3, Piessish Fedge (J Duggar, 20-1), ALSO RAN: 3 Krigh Coi (7, 100-50 Last House (4th), 8 High Ham Blues (pu), 14 Constante (pu), 16 Bold Lament (po), 100 Bridgetown Lad (pu), 9 ran. 7, des., 13, N Gaselee at Upper Lambourn. Tots: 227.10; 23.50, 21.50, 24.90. DF: 225.50. CSF: 270.22.

4.9 (2m indie) 1, GANCON (M Richards, 8-1); 2, Wander Bee (B Powell, 25-1); 3, Sweet City (L O'Hars, 14-1); 4, Smeat Performer (6 McCourt, 12-1). ALSO RAM: 5 fav Sherwood Gunner (6th), 11-2 Foulite, Red Hackin, 8 Ve Lute, 10 Boot Braslon (7), 12 Run High, 16 Thus Gold (pu), Capulet, 20 Take Issue (6th), Gunten Boy (pu), Versatile, 33 Gold Tint (pu), 65 Fernando. 17 ran. 11, 14, 6, 3, 3, 9 Hedger at Chichester, Toxe. 212.68 (23.6, 25.30, 22.80, 22.40, 5F: 2153.50. CSF: 2180.75. Tricest: 22.537.09.

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4.30 (2m indle) 1. STAY AWAKE (R Supple, 10-1); 2. Steepline Royale (N Mann, 6-4 fav); 3. Crewn And Home (B Powell, 6-1). ALSO RAM: 4 Durzl, 10 M I Babe (6th), Bizage Motors, 16 Norwich Casde (8th), Spinney Light (pu), 20 Social Circle, 33 Indian Set, 100 Spenish Mou (ref), Jimstro (4th), King Linkerse, 13 ran, 3, 2ki, 4, 2ki, 4, 1, J O'Nelli st, Penrith, Tota: £13.70; £3.20, £1.60, £1.30, DP: £14.70. CSF: £24.66. Tricast: £55.80. Placepot: £166.00

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Going: good to soit

1.45 (2m hdie) Khenif (J Callaghen, 9-2):
2. Rostherne (11-10 fav); 3, Angels Kiss (25-1). 12 ren. NR: Triple Top. 4, 10L R Alan. Tote: £5.50; (25-0), £1.10, £3.50. DF. £4.10. CSP: £9.22

2.15 (2m ch) 1, Femous Lad (B Dowling, 20-1); 2, Mr Therm (20-1); 3, Beau Guest (4-5 fav), 11 ran. 31, sh hd. R Lee. Tote: £77.50; £2.50, £2.70, £1.50. DF; £120.70. CSF: £208.56. 217-50; 12:50, 22:70, 21:50, DF; 2120.70. CSF: 2308.56.

2.45 (2m Indie) 1, Fleet Footed (R Hodgs, 8-1); 2, Big Chiel (25-1); 3, Principal (3-1 tav), 15 ran, 8; 251, Mrs Greveley, Tote: 28.30; 22:70, 59.20, 52:20. DF; 27:160, CSF: 17:82.

3.15 (3m 11 80yd ch) 1, The Willi (C Ghrt, 3-1); 2, Sea You There (3-2); 3, Mactical Joke (15-2). Pembrohastics Lad 9-4 tav. 7 ran, 8; 13:1, W A Stephenson, Tote: 23.00; 12:40, 21:90, DF; 23.80, CSF: 515-40.

3.45 (2m Indie) 1, Clippera Dream (B Dalton, 20-1); 2, Native Scot (7-4); Uncle Emie (11-8 tav), 15 ran, ni, 3i, J. Jelferson, Tote: 214-10; 22:20, 21:50, 21:30, DF; 229.00, CSF: 252.70. After a stawards' inquiry, result stood.

4.15 (2m) 1, Marsio (B Storey, 5-2); 2, Tectico (85-40 tav); 3, Ringmore (100-30), B ran. 1%, hd. F Watton. Tota: 22.80; £2.20, £1.50. DF: £2.70. CSF: £7.71. 220, 21.00, Dr.; EZ.70, CSP; E7.71.

4.45 (2m fiat) 1, Medehlm (P. McDermott, 100-30); 2, Tommy Owt (16-1); 3, Smith's Cracker (11-10 fav). 19 ran. NR: Motherhood, Rooney. 31, 2%L C. Broad. Tote: E4.40; £1.20, £4.30, £1.50. Dr.; E22.90, CSF; £52.38.

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2-10 (2m hdie) 1, Subtix (Gary Lyons, 2-5
fevi; 2, Dieneyland (2-1): 3, Cubicoo in The
Nest (33-1): 3 ran. 25il, diet. R Holline-head. Tota: £1.30. DP: £1.10. £5il: £1.48.
240 (2m hdie) 1, Calombiere (5 Youd-dan, 9-2): 2, Like: Time (14-1): 3, Up The
Ladder (13-8 fav): 14 ran. 11, 21, G Moore.
Tota: £5.50: £2.50. £1.70. £1.70. DP:
£20.00. CSF: £65.03. 220.00. CSF: £55.03.
3.10 (2m hdis) 1, Valient Boy (Gary Lyons, 5-4 fay); 2, Mister Lewson (2-1); 3, Barley Mow (10-1), 12 ran. 10, 2%; 5 Kettlewell. Tota: 53.00: £1.50, £1.40, £1.40, DF: £3.20. CSF: £4.57. 3.40 (2m 21 hdio) 1, Northern Llos (Mr R Neylon, 14-1): 2, Foliow The Drum (2-5 tav); 3, Culleann (10-1): 17 mm. 251, 174, M Grassick. Tota: 225.20; 54.50, 51.10, 53.00, DF: 236.20, CSF: 522.25. 23.00. DP: 258.20. CSF: 122.25.
4.10 (3m hole) 1, Kinglisher Bay (C Evens, 3-1); 2, Change The Name (7-4 fev); 3, Ocean Roque (10-1), 8 ran. NR-Leave II to Belly, 41, 2. B Pailing, Tota: £4.20; £2.50, £2.30, DF: £3.60. CSF: £9.50. Ticses: £44.86.
4.40 (2m 4f hole) 1, Wavesday Boy (1, J Caim, 8-1); 2, Kentecoth Caste (8-1 fev); 2, Dresdnought (20-1), 12 ran. 21, 101, J Wainwright. Tota: £15.00; £3.10, £1.80, £3.40, £7.10. ot: 27.20

next Wednesday has been aban-doned because of flooding and the course now faces a fight to stage its next fixture on March 21.

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__ D Marphy _ S Woode (2) _ J Clarke (7) Racecard number. Shr-figure form (F - tell. P - pulled up. U - unsealed rider. B - brought down. S - slipped up. R - retused. D - disqualitieo). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat (B - blinkers. V - visor. H - hood. E - Eyeshield. C - course winner. D - distance winner. CD - course and 3.15 'GAY RECORD' CHALL'ENGE TROPHY HANDICAP (\$2,924; 3m 2f) (7 runners) 3 1941/04 ELE DARI 17 (DAS) (FI PESIGO) CAR. FFOSS 10-11-5 4 1-12536 FIB 26 (F) (Mrs S Greethood) T Greethood 8-10-5 5 34-4852 MARTIAL COMMANDER 48 (3.9) (G Emight) G Enright 10-10-0... 6 FEP.P4P .mil BOWE 37 (S) (Ron Butler) A Davison 7-10-0... 1 83-049 ALEDAN 22 (G Ripley) G Ripley 9-10-0... Long handicap: Martial Commander 8-8, Jim Bowle 6-8, Aledan 8-8. BETTING: 2-1 Carriord Palm, 9-4 Blue Dart, 5-1 Fib., 13-2 Sneakspanny, 12-1 others.

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P Hickstein (7) — 3.45 TENTERDEN MAIDEN HUNTERS CHASE (Div II: £1,462: 2m 4f) (9 runners) GEN JEHDJEHN MANDEL SK (Mrs & Taylor) Mrs & Taylor 7-12-7

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SHERMAN WAY (J HICKERS) J HICKERS 6-12-7

P/ THE EQUALIZER 633 (M Roberts) M Roberts 9-12-7

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H Daviel 71

K Mooney —
P Collins (7) —
R Moone (7) — BETTING: 4-6 Give Me A Break, 5-1 Big Decision, 6-1 Caldhurst Lad, 10-1 Sherman Way, 12-1 others. 4.15 HYTHE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,618: 2m 100yd) (11 runners) 4.15 HYTHE NOVICES MANDICAP MURDLE (£1,618: 2m 100yd) (11 runners)

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3 001 NORTHERN ALLANCE 24 (D.5) (D Thomas) A Moore 6-10-12 J Leech (5)

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7 5/30-3 CURET RIOT 37 (Africa Gentles) J White 8-10-6 N Roche (7)

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10 PPOPS/R- SECOND MORTGAGE 539 (Mass W Harr) J Fittor-Hoyes 9-10-0 M Fichards

11 8-0500F CASTLE JESTER 14 (Afric C Ellott) J Ellott 5-10-0 M Richards

Long Installicap: Febriess Fighter 9-12, Miss Fern 9-11, Second Mortgage 8-13, Castle Jester 8-10.

86-11MK: 2-1 Tit Tech Fiver, 3-1 Northern Allance, 11-2 Le Chet Noir, 13-2 Quiet Riot, 12-1 othere. ... M Perrett # 99 BETTING: 2-1 Tit Tech Piyer, 3-1 Northern Allience, 11-2 Le Chet Noir, 13-2 Quiet Riot, 12-1 others. 1989: GO WEST 5-11-1 P Scudemore (6-4 fav) M Pipe 8 ran **Course specialists**

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TRAINERS



This week we celebrate Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother's contribution to National Hunt racing. Her Majesty is patron of the exclusive souvenir picture of the

Munro names same squad but calls for further fine tuning

Scotland have, as expected, named an unchanged team to play Wales in Cardiff a week on Saturday, but yesterday at Murrayfield, Bob Munro, the chairman of selectors, said: We were not 100 per cent happy about every position. At the selection meeting, we discussed each position in detail, taking into consideration the observations of the

These would appear to be tough comments about a side changes of personnel could be which achieved a record win made to the side, with the

SCOTLAND TEAM the French, and the fact that CChalmers (Merces), 6 Armetros (Jed-forest), D Sole (Emburgh Academicals, capt), K 18thes (Henor's FP), P Burnell (London Scottish), C Gray (Nottingham), D Crestin (Bath), J Jestrey (Nottingham), D Crestin (Bath), J Jestrey (Nottingham), D Wyllie (Stawart's-Metville), G Cliver (Hovick), D Turables (Henirick), A Brewster (Stawart's-Metville), J Albert (Stawart's-Metville), J About

their club rugby."
It is difficult to see what

over the French at present shortage of resources, Murrayfield, but Munro said: save for the back row. But all "We were simply not firing on of the breakaway trio imall cylinders. There will be a proved markedly from their

once these tickets are distrib-uted to the clubs, it is very

difficult to trace them thereafter," Hogg said. "We have to

rely mainly on the efficiency of the clubs to keep a note of the

Hogg confessed to being "horrified" by some of the prices (as much as £1,000) being

obtained for tickets on the black market for the Calcutta match at

Murrayfield on March 17. "It is

members."

SRU looking into ticket profiteering

The Scottish Rugby Union of their tickets and the names of (SRU) is investigating the resale the vendors. of international tickets at prices The SRU the vendors."

The SRU is considering "stamping" each ticket with the name of the club to which it was allocated, in an effort to trace those who are making vast profits by responding to the high number of advertisements requesting tickets at many times many those these well in excess of face value, and ing certain affiliated clubs (Alan Lorimer writes). Yesterday at Murrayfield, Bill

Hogg, the SRU secretary, said:
"We have some of the numbers of tickets which were being sold by touts outside Murrayfield last Saturday. Touting is not an offence but the police were able to make several arrests for the immediate area of the turnstiles. Those arrested were interviewed by the police and the numbers of the tickets which they were exhibiting for sale were obtained and passed on to us."

The SRU also put an advertisement in the official programme, appealing to spec-tators who had obtained tickets from "pirate hospitality op-erators" or touts, to name the sources of supply. "So far, the response has been remarkably Cardiff has been sold for the good," Hogg said. "Quite a Wales v Scotland match on number of people have already March 3, at which the total contacted us with the numbers crowd is expected to be 53,000.

Watching Saturday's inter-national at Murrayfield was the vice-president of the Romanian

deration, Viorel Moraru, in

Edinburgh as a guest of the Scottish Rugby Union. Moraru

culties as the whole population.

These are economic problems. But even before the revolution

we received little help from the government. Rugby was not the

Moraru is hoping to receive

some aid from the international

rugby community to stimulate the sport in Romania. "We have

Cardiff go into their Schweppes

Cup quarter-final tie against the

holders. Neath, at The Gnoll on

Saturday without Tim Crothers,

the captain and the man whose try helped them to beat Llanelli

in the last round, who is injured.

It leaves Mark Ring to lead the

side, while wing Damion Grif-

fiths finds himself replaced by

FRANCE

ognize the high standard of

be playing in the Singapore sevens tournament. lot of work to do at Sunday's outing against Ireland and practice: the coaches will re- none seem in any danger of mind the players of what they losing their place. Clearly, Rutherford's unhappy experi-ence in Bermuda, which rewhat has worried the selectors "We will go to Wales as was the inability of the Scots sulted in the premature ending favourites. They have had to score more than three of his rugby career, Munro recent problems but we rec- points in the first half, when said: "We would rather be was here but there is no way we would dictate to any player what he should do; rugby is

> "Gavin's firm, Richard Ellis, who are sponsoring the tournament, wrote to us several weeks ago and informed us of the situation. The selection committee recognizes the goodwill of employers in giv-ing players time off. We had no option but to let him go."

still an amateur game.

the other 18 points were

scored after the departure of

Alain Carminati, the flanker.

It is more a matter of finely

tuning the existing engine than

rushing in replacement parts.

John Jeffrey, the victim of Carminati's imprudent stamping, has been listed by

his club, Kelso, for this Sat-

urday's league match against Ayr, and Derek White, who suffered a slight ankle injury,

has also been pronounced

fully fit. Missing, however,

from Sunday's squad session

will be Gavin Hastings, the

British Isles full back, who will

No doubt mindful of John

Were history to repeat itself and Hastings return injured, Scotland would be hardpressed to find a replacement full back. Peter Dods would step into the team, but below him, there are really no players who have experience at this level. So while the selectors have not publicly objected to Hastings' trip to Singapore, they must be privately concerned about the risk of injury to one of their key players.

entirely out of proportion for a game of rigby," he said. Meanwhile, all of Scotland's allocation of 4,800 tickets for "Flower of Scotland" will again be played at Cardiff, and this will be the second successive year that the Princess Royal will attend the

Romanians seek a stimulus

young people into the sport and make it attractive for the older process. Elsewhere many of our process. Elsewhere many of our clubs have been connected with Of the new freedom in Roma-

Bristol with the aid of several colleagues who drove him over the line. The winners' final score was a pushover try touched down by Saverimutto. But the best try of the match

was still to come. A spectacular movement launched from Bristol's own line and spearbeaded by Colin Norton, was swept down field for a try by scrum half, De Maid. Hibbert converted to give a more acceptable look to the scoreline but the issue had already been decided. In the other semi-final Leeds

Poly missed too many first half penalties for comfort but seemed to have the game in their grasp with only minutes to go. They led 9-6, before Plymouth's Duggan squeezed in at the corner to nudge his side home by a single point.



Flying Welshman: Wyn Evans, the Cardiff stand-off, moves the ball quickly to his threequarters at Stourbridge yesterday

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Sheffield, **Plymouth** pass test

By Michael Stevenson The Polytechnic of the South

West, from Plymouth, and Shef-field reached the final of the Polytechnics Cup on adjacent pitches at Sutton Coldfield yespitches at Sution Coldfield yes-terday. Plymouth beat Leeds 10-9 and Sheffield's power and expertise was too much for Bristol, who lost 19-12. The final will also be played at Sution Coldfield, on March 7. Bristol scored a goal and two penalties to two goals, a try and a penalty but the game was virtually decided at the interval, when Bristol had to face the

Hibbert's first penalty chance for Bristol struck a post and rebounded out to his right wing. Graham Norton, who knocked on with the line at his mercy; Sheffield scored first with Gregory's penalty during a period of intense pressure on the Bristol

Gregory missed a snap dropped goal attempt and Hibbert relieved the pressure with a long touch kick, his penalty levelling before he failed with another penalty chance. Sheffield pulled away in the second half, when the ball flirted out of a lineout deep in Bristol territory. Cassell picked up and linked with his back row; Mills drove to the line and Saverimutto dived over for

Gregory to convert.

Davies, Sheffield's bustling lock, rounded off the third wave of intense attack on beleaguered

Loughborough taken to the brink of defeat by Cardiff

By David Hands Rugby Correspondent

Loughborough. Cardiff

Loughborough will return to Twickenham on March 14 to defend their Universities Athletic Union title against Swansea for the third year running. But they were less than a minute from losing yesterday, when a gallant Cardiff side took them to extra time in the delayed semifinal at Stourbridge, only to lose by a try, two penalty goals and a dropped goal to a try and two

It was heart-breaking for Cardiff who, since their merger last year with UWIST, have performed so well in the Commercial Union championship. In a largely barren game in which they played the more inventive footbil, they held the holders at all points in the first 80 minutes and held the lead for the final quarter when Lloyd Davies kicked his second penalty.
The game had entered the

second minute of injury time when Loughborough forced a like strangers to each other when midfield scrum on Cardiff's 22 Frost decided to move posafter a Welsh forward ran in session rather than rely on his front of the kicker at a drop-out.

By Michael Austin

Leighton Davies, the Welsh Colleges mentor, paid tribute to the remarkable display by Eng-

lish Colleges at Cheltenham yesterday. "Two hammerings by

England in a week is something I cannot handle," he said.
Unlike England's 34-6 win at

Twickenham on Saturday, this

victory was achieved with the

assistance of several Weishmen including Subbiani, a slender

wing from Tenby, whose in-tricate running brought two

tries.
The essence of the English

ccess was in the forwards and

at half back as they proved better in the scrum than the Welsh after overcoming a

seven-point deficit and the con-

cession of the game's first six penalties when playing with the

This turn-round had no logi-

English Colleges

Welsh Colleges

It was a hugely expensive mistake; Locke, the Cardiff hooker, heeled against the head, but his front row was penalised for taking the scrum down and the left-footed Frost, who had missed four penalty attempts and a conversion on an after-noon of dire place-kicking, kicked the goal which levelled the scores.

The whistle which signified two 10-minute periods of extra time went immediately, and if Loughborough deserved to reach the final at all, it was because they had the fitness to dominate both those periods. Lloyd Davies was wide with a penalty attempt, but otherwise Cardiff were forced into constant defence. It was in holding another charge by Taylor, the Loughborough captain, that the unfortunate Butt fell offiside,

giving Frost the chance to kick the winning points.
But disringuished graduates of Loughborough would have been saddened at the sterility of their game. There was no dynamism anywhere, the forwards mauled in a largely aimless manner and the backs looked like strangers to each other when

English forwards take credit

Hamilton and Rabczak were

prodigious partners at lock for-ward with their performance in

the loose even more impressive

tackles and the game's outcome was effectively settled as the English harvested 24 points in 23 minutes

From expecting a prosperous

lead when turning with the wind behind them. Wales suddenly

needed to eliminate a 17-point

deficit, which proved beyond even the capabilities of a side

including 13 players from South

Last year, the Welsh won the

corresponding match 26-9 at

Cyncoed in a rain-swept match shortened by 10 minutes

because of atrocious conditions.

affiliated to the British Colleges

organization, the English bene-

fited from three newcomers studying at such establishments,

including Caldwell, whose

jinking run to the posts, together

with a conversion by Thomas

edged them ahead for the first

Dennis Taylor, the former world champion, has failed to qualify for the European Open and thus needs a haul of ranking points from this event in the

world championship to save his

He earned one yesterday with

a 5-1 victory over Danny Fowler, finishing strongly with breaks of 60, 56, 37, 54 and 42

but, self admittedly, was lucky not to fall 2-0 behind Fowler baving played a straight forward safety shot on the green in the second frame and somehow

Taylor to clear up and win by

RESULTS: Third round (England unless stated): J Johnson w/o.J Wych (Can), scr. N Foulds bi I Graham, 5-2. D Taylor (N Irb) bi D Fowler, 5-1; P Francisco (SA) bi Dvd Taylor, 5-4. Tuesday's late results: S James bi W Oliver, 5-1; J Wattana (Thai) bi D O'Kane (NZ), 5-1; S Davis bi K Stevens (Can), 5-2. A Robidoux (Can) bi E Charriton (Aus), 5-3.

place in the top 10.

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than their lineout qualities. The Welsh missed too many advantage, until extra time, and Dyer and John Evans frequently found gaps through which to The score was level at 4-4 at

the end of a first half in which Cardiff had enjoyed the advantage of a strong wind. Miles scored Loughborough's try be-hind a five-metre scrum which Peters controlled well, but Car-diff responded when Dyer picked up and went to the blind-side of a scrum where Wyn

Evans, faced with a yawning gap, sent Anderson to the line.
Frost's dropped goal was cancelled by Lloyd Davies's first penalty, and his second took Cardiff to the threshold of the shellty impric situation of two slightly ironic situation of two Welsh sides contesting a final at Twickenham.

SCORERS: Loughborough University: Try: Miles. Penalties: Frust (2) Gropped goal: Frust. Cardiff University: Try: Anderson Penalties: L Daves (2). LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY: A Par-ter D. Charles D. Schier J. Rencell A. ton; D Currie, D Spiler. I Bancroft, A Billington; R Frost, P Miles; G Beldwin, J Hudson, R Weretheam, J Heastings, J Sweetman, D Jones, G Taylor, E Peters. CARDIST UNIVERSITY: L Davies; B Anderson, P Hope, J Connolly, A Davies; K Price, W Evans; J Mairneaming, J Lodes, A Castroll, D Duhy, J Brossen, J Electer, S.

Six tries to one fully reflected

the pattern of a game involving 31 penalties, 17 of them to the

English, and the emphatic win-

ning margin owed much to

Thomas landing his five kicks to

cheat a capricious wind.

Appleson, a former

Headingley full back, possessed
an accurate left foot and also ran

SCORERS: English Colleges: Tries: Subblani (2), Hamilton (2), Appleson, Caldwell, Conversions: Thomas (2), Appleson: Versib Colleges: Try: Manley

strongly.

Battle for 4 lead picks up round the Horn

YACHTING

By Barry Pickthall

Steinlager 2, the New Zealand ketch skippered by Peter Blake, was first among the Whitbread Round the World Race fleet to reach Cape Horn yesterday. The 84ft pacesetter, which has won each of the three earlier stages in this 33,000-mile marathon, rounded the infamous Cape at 11.30 GMT, 18 miles ahead of the rival New Zealand entry.

11.30 GMT, 18 miles ahead of her rival New Zealand entry, Fisher & Paykel. Four and a half hours later, Alain Gabbay's French chal-lenger, Charles Jourdan, hove into sight, three miles ahead of Britain's leading entry, Rothmans skippered by Lawne Smith. The two sloops have closed up considerably on their closed up considerably on their leading New Zealand rivals during the previous 24 hours, and if the weather remains unpredictable, could well pull back the remaining 60-mile deficit over the 1,200 tactically testing miles that remain before the fleet reaches Punta del Este early next week.

The previous night, the race organizers faced an alert after the signal from Fisher & Paykel's automatic distress bea-con was picked up by satellite. The duty officer at Portsmouth managed to contact Pierre Fehlmann, skipper of Merit, the duty radio yacht, who then checked with Dalton's crew that all was well. This is one of several false alarms raised during the race. In some instances, the beacons have been washed overboard, but on others such as Rothmans, the mercury switching within the beacons has been set off when the yachts have

broached violently.

Radio atmospherics proved so bad yesterday that it was not possible for the leading yachts to reach the outside world. The only message came in the form of a telex from Charles Jourdan which reported 20-knot westerly winds, an air temperature of 12°C and said that both she and Rothmans were racing under spinnakers at 13 to 14 knots.

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Merit, which began this leg of the race in second place overall, 14 hours behind Steinlager on elapsed time, dropped to sev-enth place overnight, 200 miles behind the leading ketch and could well lose one or two places

could well lose one or two places in the overall standings.

LEADING POSITIONS (compiled at 14:03 GMT yesterday with miles to Punts det Ease: Meat division: 1, Staintager 2 (P. Bislen, N.2.1, 1.383 miles; 2, Fisher & Paylesi (G. Dalton, N.2.1,412: 3, Rothmars (L. Smitt, GB), 1,425; 4, Charles Jourden (A. Gabbay, Fr), 1,426; 5, UBF Finterd (L. Ingvell, Fril), 1,422; 7 Merit (P. Fethirson, Switz), 1,580; 8, Betmont Finkend (H. Hardino, Fril), 1,582; 10, The Card, fR. Nisson, Swe), 1,686; 12, Gabrarde (G. Frack, R., 1,588; 13, Gabrarde (G. Frack, R., 1,588; 13, Charles (Cor Westins, GB), 1,75; 14, Forture (V. Sarnana, Sp., 1,758; 15, Liverpool Enterprise (B. Sermon, GB), 1,943; Division 21, Equity & Law (D. Nestia, Nest), 2,115.

TENNIS

Gavaldon earns her first pay

From Barry Wood Oklahoma

Angelica Gavaldon, the schoolgirl who came from nowhere to reach the quarter-finals of the Australian Open, has reconsidered her status and turned sional this week.

Her first cheque came with a 6-3, 7-6 defeat of Betsy Nagelsen, who, at aged 33, is old enough to be her mother, in the first round of the Virginia Slims

She has a decent forehand, often hit one-handed, which is unusual in one so young, but Nagelsen looked the bener player, and had she converted any of the four set points she held, she might have won. Results, page 47

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BOWLS

Overseas competitors dominate world titles

Two overseas players, Mark McMahon, of Hong Kong, and Cecil Bransky, of Israel, defeated seeded players at the £117,000 Embassy world indoor championships in the Preston Guild Hall yesterday (David Rhys Jones). The pair join lan Schuback, of Australia, and Rowan Brassey, from New Zea. Rowan Brassey, from New Zealand, in the second round.

McMahon, aged 20, boosted by his success at the Common-wealth Games in Auckland, where he won the silver medal, beat David Corkill, of Ireland, the No. 3 seed. Bransky, who reached the final of this event in 1985, beat Bryan Kingdon, of Wales, the British champion and No. 14 seed.

Corkill's free spirit was curtailed not only by McMahon's fine play but by the unpopular new rule that keeps players at the mat end of the rink. "I felt like a robot," Corkill said. "All the spontageity between these the spontaneity has been taken

Having scored a full house on the first end, McMahon dropped seven shots in succes-sion and lost the first set 4-7. A similar sorry spell saw him lose the fourth set 7-0. Bransky made a slow start

against Kingdon, who played as though keen to send a message to the Welsh selectors, who have inexplicably left him out of their 32-man squad. After winning the first two sets, however, Kingdon allowed the Israeli back into the match. When the Weishman tried to play a more attacking game, he suffered several unfortunate rubs of the

RESULTS: First round: M McMehon (HIQ) to C Corichili (re), 4-7, 7-1, 7-5, 0-7, 7-2, C Bransky (lar) to B Kingdon (Weles), 5-7, 3-7, 7-6, 7-5, 7-1; I Schuback (Aus) bit J Beker (tre), 7-0, 7-6, 7-2; R Brassey (NZ) bt N McGhee (Scoq, 7-1, 7-1, 7-5).

BIATHLON

Brew changes sports

The inaugural British national winter series ends on Sunday at RAF Cosford when qualifiers and guests will take part in an endurance event comprising a run of 4.4 miles, a 21-mile cycle race and a final 4.4 mile run (a Special Correspondent writes). There have been eight qualify-ing races in the last four months from which the favourite has

emerged as Steve Mead, from Abingdon, who has won all three of the races in which he has competed. Jenny Webb, from Kingston, is expected to take the women's title.

Among the guest competitors will be the professional cyclist Paul Watson, a former cyclocross champion, and Olympic swimmer Robin Brew.

managed four Romanian tours to the British Isles, including Scotland in 1981, and is himself a distinguished player, having would make contact with Raducanu, Moraru said: "I hone won 40 caps. "Romanian rugby players," he said, "face the same diffi-

By Alan Lorimer

players. Now in the new climate of freedom there are perhaps

One such is Cristian Raducanu who left Romania in to meet him and when I do I shall tell him that we will be happy to see him play for Romenia again. If he is in good shape we would want him to play and be part of our World Cup squad. Romania lost five international players in the revolution which also left two others seriously injured.

Raducanu's former club, Dinamo Bucharest which was not got good equipment like scrummaging machines and our closely linked to the Securitate will cause problems, says Moraru, as will the army teams like Steaua Bucharest. "They players have to make do with football boots. That's all right for the backs but not for the were of the Soviet model, said forwards. We need to attract Moraru. "There will be changes

tional terracing at the Beeston ground to cater for the 2,000

quarter-final between the clubs on Saturday. The East Midlands

club have sent 600 extra tickets to Gloucester after their alloca-

tion of 1,400 was quickly snapped up.

SNOW REPORTS

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In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Sid Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and an to artificial.

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some players who want to play abroad in Italy or France." privatised in the future. In that case there may be some un-

revolution we had to get per-mission to play abroad or to invite incoming teams. It was always embarrassing for us that there was so much security. Files were always kept on touring sides. Now that the red tape has gone we hope that many countries will visit us. I am sure also that there will be more contact with foreign clubs especially British and French.

Romania's tour to New Zea-land has had to be cancelled but they still have international commitments against Italy on April 14, France on May 24 and the World Cup qualifying tour-nament against Italy, Spain and Crothers to miss Cup tie at Neath

hooker Duncan Frankland and the lock, Colin Hall.

SCOTLAND

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Forecast Annech sfor and Glencost Act, overcast day with a lot of low cloud end hill fog about For parts of the day it was be dry but there will be outbreaks of rain from time to time; not much sign of snow though, with the freezing level well above the summits. The winds will be south-westerly in direction, and ranging from gate force on the lower slopes to stom force up on the highest stopes. Calmgorn and Lecit will fare somewhat better, although still cloudy. These areas alloud at least say.

fare somewhat better, atthough still cloudy. These areas should at least stay dry. The freezing level will be above the summits here too though, with the south-westerly winds ranging from gale force to storm force on the righest alopes.

Outlook: Winds esping off on Friday but nam in all areas especiably during the morning, but more rain is expected later, with winds increasing in strength.

the return of five players for Saturday's Pilkington Cup quar-Gloucester supporters expected ter-final at home to Leicester to travel to the Pilkington Cup They welcome back Tim They welcome back Tim Rodber, the England B no. 8, Frank Packman, the England B wing, and the English students full back, Ian Hunter, the

SCORERS: Sterffield: Tries: Saverimutio (2), Davies. Conversions: Gregory (2). Penalty goes: Gregory. Ediatol: Try: De Maid. Penalty goes: Hibber (2), Conversion: Hibbert. South West: Try: Duggan. Penalty goals: Jackman (2). Leeds: Try: Choules. Conversion: Higham.

cal explanation except that the Welsh took a sabbatical, followed by early retirement. SNOOKER

Positive Foulds shrugs off blues

By Steve Acteson though Foulds has been on the

wrong end of a series of close-fought matches this season and

he was in marvellous form yesterday at the Pearl Assurance British Open in Derby, beating Ian Graham 5-2, to reach the last 32 of an event in which he

Foulds opened with a break of

107 and although Graham held

on to 2-2, Foulds ran riot in the next three frames with breaks of

"I can't really say what changed my attitude again last summer but I do know I'm

enjoying the game more than ever now and although it's still

life or death when I'm playing a match I don't feel like that the

rest of the time any more.

was runner-up in 1987.

83, 59, and 60.

Neal Foulds began last season ranked third in the world, this season ranked twentieth, and on the updated standings for the next one is down to 26th. But with the pressure of expectation removed from his shoulders. Foulds, aged 26, says he is actually enjoying his snooker now more than ever before. Foulds was precipitated into

his decline by the break-up of his decline by the break-up of his marriage and temporary ill health. Last summer he continually told his father. Geoff, a fellow professional, that he was going to retire and asked his manager, Barry Hearn, to pull him out of the qualifying rounds for the overseas ranking events, a request that met with a "don't are the property of the content of the property of the propert a request that met with a "don't be stupid" from Hearn and the replacement of the telephone

Such negative thoughts have now been totally banished even

BASKETBALL: Surceport 7.0-10.0pm.

OTHER SPORT

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Screenaport 6.0-7.30pm. Wigan Selford SKING: Eurosport: 5.0-6.0pm. The Men's 30km and Women's 10km from Italy. SIG JUMPING: Screensport: 12.45-2.45pm. The Bohemia World Cup from Czechoslovakia.

SNOOKER: Eurosport 4.0-5.0pm. The Benson and Hedges Massers. SPEEDSKATING: Eurosport midday-1.0pm. The Men's World champonship TENNIS: Eurosport: 10.0pm-1.0am. The indoor Classic from Stuttgart.

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feel I'll be a better player in the end for all my ups and downs." POOTBALL RUGBY UNION BOWLS: Embassy World Indoor singles and pairs champtonships (Presson). SMOCKER: British Coan (Derby). **SOUASH RACKETS: Leekes Weish Class** SPORT ON TV

Men's semi-final of the Cup Winners' Cup Screensport: 10.30-midnight. Action from America.

CYCLING: Eurosport: 11,0-midday. The Commonwealth Classic from Australia. PENCINC: Screensport: 9.0-10.0sm. The Martini championships from Paris. FOOTBALL: Screensport 4.0-6.0pm Ma-lags v Real Mactrd. Screensport 7.30-9.15pm. Action from Argentins. Eurosport 9.0-11.0sm.

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DRUGS IN SPORT: POSITIVE TESTS AT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS A FURTHER SETBACK TO OLYMPIC GAMES BID BY POWERLIFTING

Cloud over two more British weightlifters

By David Powell

Battle

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British weightlifting plummeted deeper into controversy yesterday with the disclosure that two unnamed British competitors returned positive samples in drug tests at the world powerlifting championships in Canada three months

The British Amateur leight Lifters' Association (BAWLA), the governing body of powerlifting, is still burdened by the scandal of two Weish weightlifters failing tests at the Commonwealth Games in Auckland last month, the case of Steve Pinsent, the 1982 Commonwealth light-heavyweight champion, who was jailed in November for supplying anabolic steroids, and that of Dean Willey, the Englishman,

who was seeking his third successive Commonwealth Games gold medal but was dropped from the team for testing positive.

If the second samples confirm the positive initial ones and it is rare for them not to the renewed attempt by powerlifting to be included in the Olympic Games will look untimely. When the Welsh-men, Ricky Chaplin and Gareth Hives, returned positive tests in Auckland, along with Subratakumar Paul, of India, there were calls for weightlifting to be removed from Commonwealth and Olympic compension, and Wally Holland, the secretary of BAWLA, said last night: This will do it no good at all it will be a blow to the efforts of powerlifting to get into the Olympics."

FOOTBALL

Villa's war chest is

well stocked if

Taylor needs to buy

In addition to the £1.1

million received from Bayern

Munich during the summer

for last season's top scorer, Alan McInally, Villa have

banked well over £1 million

from gate receipts and tele-

vision and advertising rev-

Doug Ellis, the chairman, is

renegotiating sponsorship

deals with Mita Copiers and

Hummel, estimated to be

worth another £1 million over

the next three years, while

every executive box at Villa

Park has been hired out until

the end of the season. Some £1,000 deposits have already

being put down on a waiting list for next season.

● Mark Wright, the Derby County defender, was yes-terday given a one-match

suspension by an FA disci-plinary commission. The for-

mer England centre half was

found guilty of bringing the

game into disrepute for com-

Cup clubs Chairman to hand

associated with the club since 1910, when James Cearns was appointed a director of the original board. Len Cearns, aged 76, who is to stay on the board,

He became a director in 1948

and, two years later, on the death of his father, William J

Cearns, he became vice-chair-

man. He succeeded Reg Prant as

Martin Cearns, aged 45, is a banker with Barclays. He has been a director since 1978. Len's

elder brother, Will, is also on the present board. The directors will consider

Lou Macari's decision to resign as manager last weekend and discuss whether or not to continue until the end of the season

club has employed.

chairman in 1979.

enue since Christmas.

Aston Villa have the money to cover in case of injuries.

embark on a major spending

spree to strengthen their chall-enge for the League and FA

Cup double if their manager, Graham Taylor, feels the

squad needs reinforcing before

next month's transfer

The sale of Adrian Heath to

Manchester City for £300,000

has left Taylor, who has no

ready-made deputy for his

centre forward Ian Olney,

with around £2 million at his

It is no secret that Taylor

has aircady made one abortive

attempt to sign Tony Cascarino, Millwall's Repub-

lic of Ireland international.

having previously failed with bids for Steve Bull, of Wolver-

hampton Wanderers, and Kevin Drinkell, while the

Taylor has no intention of

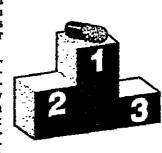
tampering with a side that has

won him the last three man-

ager of the month awards. But

at the same time he acknowl-

latter was with Rangers.



a positive test. It's not so much unfortunate as

United at Old Trafford.

• Kevin MacDonald, the

Coventry midfield player who

is on the transfer list at his

own request, is being linked

with Leicester City, for whom

he made 138 appearances

before being sold to Liverpool for £400,000 in 1985. He

moved to Coventry from

Anfield last summer, on a free

transfer, but has been unable

to command a place in the

● The Manchester United

manager, Alex Ferguson, has

warned off clubs hoping to

Ferguson was commenting

yesterday on reports that

Southampton had made in-

Beardsmore. He said: "Nobody from Southampton has

been on to me. I have heard

these stories and I can assure

you they are rubbish. Nobody is for sale at this club, particu-

larly among the young players,

while former players in Harry Redknapp, now with Bourne

mouth, or Ken Brown, who has just left Plymouth Argyle, could

also be considered.

Another item for discussion

will be the attempt by Michael Wallace, the club's largest single

shareholder, to obtain seats on the board for himself, John

Cearns, younger brother of Len, and Geoff Hurst, the former West Ham player and Chelsea

Stoke have agreed to extend the loan period of Scott Barrett, the

Loan extended

manager.

for Russell

buy any of his players.

quiries

ments he made after being who are a vital part of the sent off against Manchester club's future."

over to his son

By Dennis Signy

Len Cearns, the longest-serving director in the Football League, is to stand down as chairman of West Ham United at the end of today's board meeting in favour of his son, Martin, who will continue a family tradition at Upton Park which spans four generations.

The Cearns family has been associated with the club since 1910, when James Cearns was while former players in Harry while former players in temporary charge of team affairs along with coaches Billy Bonds and Tony Carr.

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disgusting."
Five of Britain's seven-man

team returned from the world powerlifting championships with medals. John Neighbour won gold in the 110kg class. Neil Hurst Silver in 125kg. John Clay silver in 52kg, Peter Tregloan bronze in 125+kg, and Frank Hoskins bronze in 82.5kg. Andy Kerr, in 125+kg. and David Brooks, in 110kg, did not win medals.

Of the two Britons who returned positive samples the IPF refused to say how many, if any, competitors from other countries had done so — one has appealed. "He is protesting his innocence and has paid for a second test. would be in excess of £100," Holland said. The other has another week to do so. "If he does not appeal in time we will name him, or if

the B samples fail we will name them, he said. Proof of a positive test would, Holland said, lead to a life ban imposed by BAWLA.

bans after testing positive in British championship events. They included Neville Quinn and Jamie Carney, who had competed in the senior events. Two more received the same punishment for refusing to take tests. In the early 1980s the BAWLA issued three-year bans for drug-takers but, with the escalating number of offenders, the penalty was

Prompted by disclosures in The Times in November

extend out-of-competition testing in Britain from international fixtures, national team squad training, British championships and divisional fixtures, to testing at clubs and

Holland expects the new procedures to be implemented next month. "The effect of this will be felt in less than two months and anybody who uses drugs in future will not be able to go long in the sport without being caught," he

The agreement forms people have to sign were being handed out in Auckland. You will have to be a genius to beat

even before the events of before it comes to Auckland, it was agreed to compention."

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Moody said: "If they can now implement this out-ofcompetition testing along with compenition testing there is no way a drug-taker can live in this atmosphere."

The Sports Council is to meet the cost of testing out of taxpayers' money.

There are two branches of weightlifting. The Olympic lifting consists of the snatch and the clean and jerk and is a regular fixture in the Olympic and Commonwealth Games. Powerlifting comprises three basic strength movements, the bench press (lying on a bench pushing the bar above one's head), the deep knees bend or squat, and the dead lift, in which the weight is raised from the ground to the top of the thighs.

early for

From John Ballantine Los Angeles Mark Calcavecchia, who de-fends his title in the \$1m Nissan Los Angeles Open which starts no the Riviera course on Sunset Boulevard here today is likely to play in the Bell's Scottish Open at Gleneagles in the week before he defends his Open champion-ships at St Andrews from July 19 to 22.

"There's a 50-50 chance I'll play twice in Scotland this summer," he said yesterday, "Glencagles is an ideal tune-up for the old course and it would mean I'd be well acclimatized.

"I'd finish at Gleneagles on Sunday night, drive across to Fifeshire, take a complete rest on Monday, practise on Tues-day and rest again on Wednes-day. Then I'd be in terrific

Calcavecchia is working on his summer schedule and will make a firm decision within two weeks. "The alternatives are to take a week off and get to St Andrews on the Sunday, or else play in the Bank of Boston Classic in Sutton Maryland in the week before the Open," he

date to just before St Andrews he enjoys the Classic - he finished third behind Blaine year — playing in an American made it the least likely of the

three alternatives.
Should Calcavecchia play in the Scottish, and win it, he will follow in the footsteps of a Californian, Michael Allen, who

won last year.
"My number one goal in 1990 is to repeat my Open victory, this time at the home of golf" Calcavecchia said. "The greatest

disappointment would be not to win at all this season."

-Sandy Lyle, who was the runner-up here last year, will not rejoin the tour until it arrives in Miami next week.

SQUASH RACKETS

Jansher in search of a new image

By Colin McQuillan

Jansher Khan, the world cham-pion, arrived in Cardiff yes-terday determined to win the richest men's tournament ever staged in Britain, the £50,000 Leekes Welsh Classic, and show a different profile to his critics. He began the first aim well enough, defeating Paul Carter, a pion, 15-10, 15-7, 15-8 in a 55-minute first round match of the tournament that included finger-wagging and accusations of

Carter at the National Sports Centre in Cardiff.
The second ambition may be take longer. Jansher incurred the wrath of the organisers. promoters and leading players by failing to attend the world championship banquet in Kuala Lumpur. Then he was heavily punished by the International Squash Players' Association for

Sliegedly not trying in the Stutigart Open. Greg Hutchings, the Austra-lian who has resumed as his manager, is determined to put Jansher back on course for competitive and commercial success. He said yesterday: "He knows now that his actions were wrong, though not deliberate, in Kuala Lumpur, but he did not stop trying in Stuttgart. He was just used and fed up from a long

HESULTS: First round: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt P Carter (Eng), 15-10, 15-7, 15-8; F Johnson (Swe) bt B Martin (Aus), 15-8, 12-15, 17-15, 15-9; C Waster (Eng) bt J Hickox (Eng), 15-14, 15-12, 9-15, 15-5; C Dittmar (Aus) bt S Hellstone (SA), 15-8, 15-14, 15-5; R Eyles (Aus) bt A Schmeber (Aus), 9-15, 15-13, 15-11, 15-2; C Robert-son (Aus) bt A Adarrage (Aus), 15-8, 15-8, 15-11; B Beeson (Eng) bt J Nicole (Eng), 12-15, 15-8, 15-6; 15-6; M Maclean (Scot) bt H Jahan (Eng), 17-15, 15-11, 15-12.

polluted water entailed. AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Lack of a venue forces Italians on to sideline

Milan and Rome, the two European television network Italian teams who were to form contract. There might also be a part of the International League of American Football (ILAF), that would be a bonus to the have postponed their entry until league. "Our main target for 1991 to avoid clashing with exposure is Europe. I think if we

to do so as water sports are an

increasing area with more people living longer, being conscious of health and want-

ing to be involved in leisure

Ron Emes, who was the chairman for the seminar, said

that council members would

obviously have to extend their

vision of what recreation and

activities".

football's World Cup.
The Italian Olympic Committee (CONI) have said that
the World Cup needs the Rome stadium, and when no suitable alternative could be found it was decided to go ahead without the Italian teams for the inaugural

Carroll Huntress, the ILAF commissioner, said: "It was a real disappointment to us. We have had good relations with CONI and it was just one of those things. The World Cup took precedence and we under-

the ILAF hopes to announce a out.

that would be a bonus to the league. "Our main target for get the exposure, we will suc-ceed," Huntress said. There are also moves to

attract spectators. Off the field, rock concerts or giveaway days may be planned. On the field, the league wants to keep the play

Another innovation being considered is a three-point conversion. Teams could either kick after a touchdown as hose things. The World Cup
ook precedence and we undertand that."

Undeterred by this setback,

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John Moody, the secretary of the International Powerlifting Federation (IPF), said: "I believe there is an application going before the next International Olympic Committee meeting to make representations for recog-nition as an Olympic sport, There is no right time to have

Last year six British powerlifters were given life

concerning dope-taking in the sport, the BAWLA requested a Sports Council inquiry and, we will weed out anybody

When fresh water can be a danger to health **Swimmers**

beware of unseen killer

By a Special Correspondent The leading British expert on the potentially fatal virus which causes Weils disease yesterday warned of its dangers to sportsmen, particularly those taking part in water

Dr Sheena Waitkins told a pecial seminar that the virus, which is carried by rats, could easily be contracted by people taking part in water sports and that no vaccine was in sight. Speaking during the nat-

ional seminar on polluted water and recreation at the Central Council of Physical Recreation, Dr Waitkins said that she would never swim is fresh water.

"The virus is easily pene trated in the ears, eyes, nose and throat of swimmers or through cuts and abrasions of other water sport entha-siasts," she said. "My attitude is that you should never swim never really protect yourself

Dr Waitkins told the seminar that reports of the disease had increased. In 1980, 81 cases were reported compared with 109 in 1988. Although only between five and eight people died from Weils disease last year, far fewer than died from drowning during the same period, she said it was a danger about which people should be educated.

you know the danger of drown-ing," she said. "However, you are not always aware of the environment you are swim-ming in and whether it con-tains leptospirosis. It is important to have as much

information as possible." Dr Waitkins, who is a former director of the lepto-spirosis unit in Hereford, said the disease often produced symptoms similar to those caused by flu and could also lead to jaundice, conjunctivitis and, in about half the cases

she had seen, meningitis. "Rats were the most important source of infection," she said. "Between 60 to 80 per cent of rats in Britain carry the disease in their kidneys. Dr Waitkins did point out that the incidence of Weils disease was not only found in people doing water sports.

She said that a few years ago a golfer had reported having the disease and it had been found that the cause was



On ice by the Isis: the Hertford College first eight get down to land training by the river

where the Oxford Torpids would have taken place had conditions not been deemed unsafe his habit of licking the ball except to accept the risk. It is protection and conservation,

before teeing off.

She stressed that informathe best ways to defend against the disease. She recommended

practice of teaching a novice canoeist how to roll over or 'eskimo' should be done in the number of rats as they are literally bags of infection."

made more complicated by the urged members at the seminar fact that a lot of people have to campaign to improve Brittion and protection were two of these symptoms at this time of ish water. ear, anyway."

"The delegates should make
The Great Britain rowing the most of their reputation as year, anyway."

team doctor, Dr Peter respectable sportsmen to en-Thomas, was just as wary of sure that water safety was the dangers of swimming in moved up the political pool water. "I was a swimming agenda," she said. "We have pool water. "I was a swimming agenda," she said. "We have coach for eight years and in seen the recent power of that time I saw more illness as football fans to raise the issue a result of people using swim-ming pools than anything else," he said.

"I think we should also look
"It is particularly important

safer water, such as pools at the dangers facing water where the danger is much lower. We also need to control the dangers from effluent sewage pollution. Ponring sewage into the sea is obviously Trevor Symmons, of the British Long Distance Swimming Association, said he was "quite horrified" at Dr Ann Taylor, MP for Dews-

that people should cover cuts and abrasions before sailing, fishing or any other water-related sport.

She was particularly coa-cerned about the training of young children to canoe: "The

Waitkin's revelations, bury and the Opposition "Presumably, there is abspokeswoman on water and solutely nothing we can do related issues, environmental

goalkeeper, at Colchester for another week then review the situation weekly. FOR THE RECORD

CYCLING

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GREF CUP: Kussek 1, Sahrabi 0.

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BARCEAYS LEAGUET Third division: Northmaption Town 1, Walsal 1; Reading 1,
Swensen City, Foarth division: Colchester
United 1, Grinsby Town 0.

LEYLAND DAF CUP: Neethern area: Samiflesis: Concaster Rovers 3, Halfax Town 0;
Tranmar Rovers 2, Botton Wanderss 1.

GSS YASIXNALL COMPERCE: Barnet 4,
Fahre Athelic 1; Certification 2, Africhars 0;
Wycombe Wanderers 2, Keitering Town 2.

B & G SCOTTER LEAGUE: First division:
Postposed: Morton v St. Johnstone, Second
division: Quien's Park 3, Stranmar 0;
Stanhoussmut 1, Brechin City 1, Postposed:
Dumberton v Kilmarmock.

CAVALESS, hely: World Cap: Mee: Cross-country (15km); 1, G Sven (Svel), 35reln 34.4set; 2, V Liverg (Nor), 35:41.5; 3, B Dechie (Nor), 35:42.4; 4, U Belfman (EG), 36:45.7; 5, C Majotet; (Sve), 38:06.0; 5, J Sente (EG), 38:14.8. Overall standinger 1, Ulvary, 69;te: 2, Dechie, St. 3, Sven, St. 4, Majotet; G. 7; 5, Belnis St. 6, T Majoren (Sve),

SERVICES TOURSMANDAYT; Sengles: 2nd Lt.A. Herrison bt Lt.C. Morris-Adems, 11-9, Regimentel doubles: Capt M Chitty and Capt A. Groom bt Capt E Rose and Maj N Polisy, 11-10. Combined Services doubles: Capt J Engles nat Lt.A Harmon bt Maj I Peri-Mair and Capt E Rose, 10-9.

RUGBY LEAGUE **RUGBY UNION**

TENNIS CROYDON: Serve and Volley satellise tour-nessest: Second rearch B Gerrow (US) bt D Sepationt (Surray), 6-7, 7-5; L Baie (SA) bt J Turner (Avon), 6-4, 6-3; M Printing (Essay) bt D Ison (Leta.), 6-3, 6-1; M Christmann (Den) bt R Erisson (Swo), 6-3, 1-6, 6-1; C Printing (Carl) bt D Dier (WG), 6-1, 6-7, 7-6; C Banduco (10) bt G Garnesse (Ec), 6-3, 6-1; C Carati (It) bt M Barnert (SA), 6-4, 6-3; D Boths (SA) bt C Schmid (WG), 6-0 6-2.

STUTTGART: ATT teamle tournement: First round: SRahamen (First Juneauser (Sp., 7-6, 6-5; E Sanchuz (Sp.) bt.) Gunnarason (Swe), 6-4, 6-1; M Gustahamen (Swe) bt G Nariberic (Yug), 4-8, 7-6, 6-4; B Becker (MG) bt B Dylee (MB), 7-6, 6-4; A Menschort (Isr) bt C-U Skeb (MG), 6-2, 6-1; A Volkov (USSR) bt S Zhojinovic (Yug), 6-3, 7-6.

BRUNHALL: LTA women's satellite tour-nament Second count: E Callens (Bel) bt M Anderson (BA), 7-5, 6-1; A Thomsa (Fr) bt K Richatt (BB), 6-1, 7-5; N Belt (W) bt N Srisson (Swe), 6-3, 8-4; G Coorangel (Meny) bt V Humphreys-Davies (CB), 6-4, 6-1; X Hand (GB) bt A Van Burnen (Neith), 6-4, 6-4; S Agolin (Neith) Paltzer (MR) bt Balt, 6-4, 6-4; S Begin (Neith) bt C Whillot (Bel), 7-6, 6-2; Coorangel bt Hand, 2-6, 6-1, 5-1.

2-6, 6-1, 6-1.

PHILADELPHIA: US Indoor championship:
Second reand: P Korda (Cz) ix A Cheanoliou (USSR), 6-2, 6-4; J Yzaga (Peru) by C Gamer (US), 6-0, 6-4; P Sempras (US) ix M Sniper (Cz), 6-3, 6-7, 6-5; R Krishnan (India) ixi T Wissian (US), 6-3, 6-4, 6-4; B Gilbert (US) ix T Wissian (US), 6-3, 4-6, 6-4; B Gilbert (US) ix T Wissian (US), 6-3, 4-6, 6-4; B Gilbert (US) ix T Wissian (US), 6-3, 7-5; P Hammins (Nem) ixi M Perntera (Swa), 4-6, 7-6, 7-5; W Maxur (Aus) ix D Giotie (US), 2-6, 7-6, 6-2; M Kratzmann (Aus) ixi S Davis (US), 7-6, 4-6, 6-1; A Gomez (Ec) ixi A Sansiptir (Cen), 7-5, 6-2; P Annacoré (US) ixi N Krom (Swa), 6-7, 6-2, 6-4; J Courier (US) ixi N Krom (Swa), 6-7, 6-2, 6-4; J Courier (US) ixi N Krom (Swa), 6-7, 6-2, 6-4.

CUPENVS CLUB: Services teamment: Mejor T Brettmeyer bt 2nd Lt A Ledgard, 15-1, 15-0, 15-4; Capt M Chitty bt 2nd Lt A Weston, 15-3, 15-0, 15-4; Capt M Chitty bt 2nd Lt P Weston, 15-8, 15-4, 16-5; 2nd Lt P Terment bt 2nd Lt P Toylor-Sevest, 15-6, 15-0, 15-2; May D Read-Febrated bt 2nd Lt P William-Smith, 15-1, 15-2, 15-5. Registerable doubles: Lt J Brigovinth and Lt T Gordon bt Lt P Terment and Lt Col B Altions and P Weston bt 2nd Lt A Ledgard and 2nd Lt R Villiam-Smith, 15-0, 15-5, 15-7. Doubles: Lt Col B Altions and R Cocosby bt Doubles: Lt Col B Altion and R Crosby bt Capit M Chitty and Lt Com J Jacoba, 15-1, 15-10. 15-8: Lt C Mortis-Adams and Lt S Saegmay bt Lt P Ternant and Lt Col R Broke, 15-8, 15-6, 15-6 prig A D Myrie and 2nd Lt A Harrison bt H Alterman and G de Lothiniere, 15-8, 15-13, 11-15, 15-10. SNOCKER

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windtau The Football Association has hared a sum of £440,000 moong the clubs who took part n last season's FA Cup comelevision. The FA say this is a a ontribution towards the cost of round improvements which will be needed following the

Taylor report.

Sheffield United's Scottish eft winger Ian Bryson has been ordered to rest for three weeks necause of a damaged Achilles endon. The Sheffield club have dlowed Irish centre back Jim Januon, a £50,000 signing from Dundalk, to join fourth division . Ialifax on a month's loan.

Description of a month's toan.

Crystal Palace's home first livision match against Derby County, put back from March 10 to make way for Palace's FA. In quarter-final game, has seen rearranged for Tuesday, March 20. Paul Hardyman of Sunderand has been banned for three natches by an FA disciplinary ommission. Hardyman was ound guilty of bringing the ame into disrepute by his avolvement in an incident at

...

he end of the match with Middlesbrough on February 4. ie was alleged to have struck Middlesbrough's Mark Proctor filer the final whistle. Deyton Orient's record signing. Paul Beesley, who cost in October, is expected to be out or at least a month after lamaging a knee against Brentott in last Sunday's third livision match.

Harrison gets the upper hand By Sally Jones

There were mixed fortunes for wo of the favourites in the Combined Services real tennis nd rackets championship at he Queen's Club. In the ackets singles, the promising oung 2nd Lieutenant Tony larrison, the former Radley irst string and the second seed n this event, defeated the organizer, Major Tim Breitmeyer, in three entertain-

In the real tennis, however. larrison, a relative novice at he game, lost to the favourite, t Col Barry Aitken, while 3reitmeyer, who is seeded in oth events, came through omfortably against Maj Ian Park-Weir. Breitmeyer and litken then combined effectively for a powerful victory n the real tennis doubles. tESULTS: Reckets: Singles: Third round: and Lt A Harrison bt May T Breameyer, 15and LLA Harrison by Maj T Breitmeyer, 15-10, 15-14, 15-10; LLS Seagrave by Cara M histy, 15-4, 15-2, 15-8; LLP Tennant bi Lt Morris-Adams, 15-11, 15-10, 15-11, tegispental Doubles: Irish Guards by AOC/RDAC, 15-8, 15-8, 15-8; RHGD by Army Air Corps, 15-7, 15-5, 15-5.

ATHLETICS AI ITLE ITU-S SERASTIAN: MAF Indoor meeting: Wisness Siest 60ss 1, C Inon (Nigeria), 6.56sec. 300ss 1, D Everett (US, 3.57. 400ss 1, D Harris (US, 4.59. 800ss 1, J Gray (US), 1min 47,85sec. 1,500ss 1, A Morrel (US), 2-26,70. 5,000ss 1, B Boutab (Mor, 1254.44. 60m insudess 1, G Foster (US), 7,47sec. High Interest 1, G Foster (US), 1254.44. 60m insudess 1, G Foster (US), 127. 225m. Long james 1, 1. Myricis (US), 8.10s. Pole Vasilt 1, JG Criso (Sp), 5.20m. (Monster 200ss 1, M Ossy Limb, 22,77sec. 60m insudiess 1, O Adams (Cube), 8.10sec. 1,500ss 1, M Pujoi (Sp), 4min 3.48sec. Long james 1, A Cityeira (Fort), 6.25m.

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Castifying remedic Group X: Thelland 5, New
Zestand C: Malaysis 4, Tahwan 1. Group Y:
Indonesis 5, India C: Stores 5, Hong Kong 9.
Liber Cup (women): Gualifying remedic Group
X: S Korne 5, Tahwan C: Australia 4, Malaysis 1
Group Y: Indonesis 5, New Zestand C:
Thelland 3, India 2.
GLASGOW: Issue-region teamement: Scottish Under-21s 2, Police Athletic Association

BASKETBALL MATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NSA): Seatile SuperSonice 117, Orlando Magic 102; Port-land Traibicers 104, Charlotte Homata 94; Wastington Bullets 110, Atlanta Hawka 107; Memasora Terbanyolives 97, Houston Rocis-ess 92; Phoesis Sums 120, Boston Cellica 93; Sectamento Kinga 89, Los Angeles Cilipera 90.

LONDON ARENA: Light-siddieweight (10 rds): Tony Colins (Yathley) to Joe Fernandez. (Texas). 1st md; 6 rds): Comelus Carr (Middleshough) to Parter Gorney (Streathen). 4st; (6 rds): Shaun Curenius (Luicester) bt Brian Robinson (Hassings). 5st. Light-weither (4 rds): Denne Hollington (West Hern) bt David (Tonkins (Swanses). ptb. Super-Seather (5 rds): Mark Toble (West Ham) to Mark Fairman (Seathlesho). 2nd. Chalent: Tee Jay (Hammersmith) to Bishe Logedon (Wigan). 2nd. Pamparatribly of blank Deposit (India) Part.

DINDEE: American Intermalianal: Sociand 4, retaind 7 (Sociand names Prot; Light-Synalophi A Mooney bt D Hostord, pin. Flyr K Knox lost to P O'Halderen, pix. R Grant bi M McCullian, pix. Beathers G Bard lost so J Lewior, pix. Feathers G Ferry lost to P Griffon, pix. Light-selber: M Deleny lost to E Bolger, pix. Light-selber: M Deleny lost to N Gough, pix. Welter: J Pender bt B Boyd, pix. Light-selber: M Deleny lost to N Gough, pix. Medic: S Nownee lost to G Lewier, pix. Light-heatry: A Cauliald bt D Curran, pix.

CRESTA RUN ST MORETZ: States Championshitz 1. J Badrutt (Switz), 129.01sec; 2, M Melcher (Switz), 129.67; 3, L de Boer (Switz), 134.10.

DOOR SHEELD: Second reseate Worthing 55, Worthing Perillion 72; Dentrion Stone Lodge, 96 Falsies 82; Angal 73; Preston 86; Croydon 72, Crystal Palson 74; King George Field 71, Old Couladen 62; Desborough 62; Stole Manderster 74; Wollstraights 90, lash 72; City of 9y 77. Carabridge Cresterton 78; Sedord Scrough 84; Hundingdon and Gootmandester 93; Harpendan 61; Harts 95; Carabridge Park 85, Mencheld 55; Caston 70; Essex County 74; Havering 82, Falcon 108.

POINCE, POWER SPORT LOW OF AMERICAN PAIN stage (122 miles): 1, M Elliott (69), 4hr 45min 22sec; 2, A Blahop (US), same time; 3, A Mejia (CO), same. MESSINA, finly: Tour of SIGHy: Fifth utage, Regards-Blancavila (66,8 miles): 1, A Badi (n), 3hr 16win 45sec; 2, N Sorvinson (then), same time; 3, S Martinello (ft), same. Overall: 1, S Roots (Neth), 2008-7; 2, Sorvinson, at 2sec; 3, C Chiappucci (I), at 9.

Spain 1.

B & O SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Perspecsed: First division: Alice v Partick Thistie; Chide v Raith Rovers. Second division: East String v Rovers. Saccoud division: East String vy Montrose.

MARILSORIO CLIF, Los Angeles: Colombia 9, Soviet Union 6 (Colombia win 4-2 on peng).

PONTINS, LEADUR: First division: Leadure United 0, Blackburn Rovers 2; Coveriny Chy 4, Hull City 0. Second division: Eleador 1, What Brometch Albica 2; Sheffield Wednesday 2, Stoke City 0; Rotherham Hinted 1, Middle-brough 2.

OVERIORS PAPERS COMMINATION: Charl-ton Amistic 2, Totarchem Hontout 2.

SOUTHERM JURIOR FLOODLIT CUP: Semi-finek Armond 4, West Ham United 1.

BEAZER HONES: LEAGUR: Westgate brasmatics Cape Fourth round, second log: Derivat 4, Waterlookille 1 (agg 5-2). Middlend division: Ericiprorth Jown 1. Berry Town 1.

SOUGhert division: Burnhern 3, Cambridge Copy (Chy 1; Dunstable 3, Trowbridge Town 0; William Town 2, Burshalle 1, September 1, Stoylo Town 3, VALIDHALL LEAGUR: Premier division: Herrow Borough 1, Stoylo Town 5; Kingstoniam Town 2, Bashgatolas Town 0; Woldingham Town 2, Bashgatolas Town 1; Berry Town 2, Burshalle 1; Doriding 2, Croydon 0; Lewes 0, Whenton Province 1, Herry Hendelm Housten 4, Wernbiery 1; Worthing 2, Hampion 0, Second division south Switten and Heatman 4, Wernbiery 1; Worthing 2, Hampion 0, Second division south Switten and Heatman 4, Wernbiery 1; Worthing 2, Hampion 0, Second division south: Egipm 4, Brackness 1, Herred Mempelead Q; Withum 1, Benildon United 2, Second division south: Egipm 4, Brackness

LONDON SENIOR CUP: Carehaton 4, Wood-tond Town 0.

EAST ANGLIAN CUP: Brainine 1, Bishop's Storticad 2: Haventia 1, Cambridge City 1 (abandoned hall-time, floodlight feiture). HPS LOANS LEAGUE: Faye Division Capt Taled resent Worksop Town 2, Leek Town 1, Challenge Capt Morecambs 4, Stackpool Machance 0.

TONY RAMES/MKCY STEPHENS TESTING-NAME SURON Linked 1, Norwich City 7 (att. DMY RAINS/INICKY STEPHENS TESTING-IAI: Sutton Unked 1, Norwich City 7 (att 1801). LONDON CUP: Heritordehira 1, Cambridge-shine 6; Sufficie 2, Essex 1; Sussex 5, Buckinglamethra 0, TURKGBH LEAGUE: Seriyer 1 Beelidas 0; Zeythburnu 1 Fenerbehce 2; Galatisseray 2, Anterngucia 0; Trabzonspor 4, Adenasypor 1; Ahay 4, Bursespor 1; Denirapor 1, Karalysica 2; Samsanapor 0, Saldrayaspor 1, Samsdaga (efter 21 matches): 1, Beatiss. 48pts; 2, Fenerbehce, 44; 3, Galatisseray, 42. GELF CUP: Kusest 1, Bahrein 0, Tamedagris matchesi:

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CKLAHOMA CITY: Varyana Sime tour-nation!: First reports; M Malaseva (Switz) bt S Smith (GS), 6-2, 6-1; C Lindqvist (Swe) bt C Smithmin (LS), 6-2, 6-2; A Frazier (LS) bt Pi yirt(, 6-3, 1-4, 7-2; P Louis-Hampir (LS) bt M Norwood (US) 5-0, 6-2; J Santrock (US) bt R Smithmin (US), 5-6, 6-7, C Lurringham (US) bt P Vasquez (Part), 6-2, 6-4; K Jordan (US) bt P Vasquez (Part), 6-2, 6-4; K Jordan (US) bt P Wasquez (Part), 6-2, 6-7, 6-3.

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no answers to Test questions

to put these two in harness

with the new ball is a risk

England might be unwise to

Malcolm has done enough

unreal environment that firm

ing. Given that this young,

If Gooch had declared on

the first evening, an hour

with the new ball and might

By yesterday, there was

The issue of who should no stage threatened to develop into a serious contest drifted open the bowling remains morning was the narrow fail-equally problematical. In- ure of Robert Haynes to terestingly, David Capel was given the new ball yesterday to its inevitable stalemate yesterday with the England morning but, having hitherto party still facing unanswered questions about its policy for bowied encouragingly well, he conceded 18 runs in two wild Saturday's first Test match. overs. Next to Malcolm, he is

The fundamental quandary confronting it is whether to England's fastest bowler, but play an additional batsman, ereby restricting the attack to four bowlers. Supplementary decisions involve the take so early in the choice of new-ball bowlers and proceedings the inclusion of a spinner.

If anything is to be divined here to persuade me that he from the last of the party's should play, but so much of warm-up games, the selectors this match was played in an are leaning towards negative options. So anxious are they to conclusions could be misleadsurvive this initial game on the Sabina Park pitch that spin-orientated Jamaican side they are proposing to adopt a is wholly unrepresentative of strategy with a long history of Caribbean strengths, I still maintain it was in England's

It would not be so alarming best interests to try and beat if England had four bowlers on them. whom they could depend but, if they elect to go in with just the four seam bowlers, the before the close, it would have attack will boast only 21 caps given his bowlets two chances and 46 Test wickets. If, alternatively, they include just have concentrated the Hemmings or Medlycott minds of all the players on an within the four-man confine- authentic contest, rather than ment, either Fraser or Small, the stultifying extended net the two most reliable bowlers, sessions that this became.

None of these options can nowhere for the match to go. be justified simply as an Jamaica had avoided the folexpedient to include an extra low-on - which would probpresumably ably not have been enforced, Hussain, who has yet to anyway - before Tuesday indicate he is equipped to evening's rain and, once Engmake any more runs than land had taken the three Russell would at No. 7. It is to remaining wickets in the be hoped that England resist opening hour, they could aim the temptation and retain a for nothing more than further

l'est screen complaint

England have made a formal when Patrick Patterson, the request to have the pavilion Jamaican fast bowler, on his end sight screen at Sabina test debut took seven wickets Park raised by five feet in time from the same end — and he is for the first Test against the in the West Indies squad.

During England's match the autumn we asked for the ninst Jamaica, which fin- screen at Sabina Park to be ished yesterday, several of the raised for the Tests. England batsmen said they "The Jamaican Cricket had trouble seeing the ball Association have problems, when the bowler's arm went They have sold seats behind

There were similar prob- formal request and hope they ms on the last tour in 1986, will agree to our needs."

Gatting's last chance on tour

Micky Stewart, the England manager, said: "Way back in

"The Jamaican Cricket

They have sold seats behind

the screen. But we have made a

Mike Gatting's team is facing a miscrable end to its troubled tour of South Africa. A full house of 30,000 is expected at the Wanderers in Johannesburg today for the final daynight international against South Africa, which wraps up the five-week nightmare.

After all the political problems of the early weeks, which led to the tour being cut short by a fortnight, Gatting's team have not even been able to enjoy the incident-free cricket

They go into today's match 3-0 down after being thrashed by 207 runs at Bloemfontein on Tuesday. And they are fighting for some sort of pride on a ground where they lost the only full-scale match against the Springboks inside

three days. Gatting himself is still suffering with a sore elbow but says he will definitely play; batsman Tim Robinson has missed the entire one-day series with a broken finger; and there is still a doubt about

Graham Dilley, the bowler who played in the first two one-day games but rested his chronic knee complaint for

surely have a case.

but Larkins was in un-

compromising form and com-

pleted his second century of the tour in 115 minutes. He

retired, allegedly with stom-ach trouble, on 124 to make

way for Smith, who wasted the

opportunity and was bowled

Total (2 wids)
"G A Goods, D J Capel, †R C Ruse
Hemmings, D E Malcoim and A R C

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-137, 2-180.

JAMAICA: First innings gan c Russell b Fraser ...

Both sides will name their line-ups shortly before the start, with Gatting hoping that the pitch is a better one than for the Test.

Meanwhile, the issue of next winter's second Gatting tour is to be discussed again by South African cricket officials

England still have Dutch courage reaps rich dividends



Caught on the burst: Marc Delissen, of the Netherlands, tries to break clear of the West German defence in the semi-final of the hockey World Cup in Lahore yesterday. The Dutch, who won 3-2, play Pakistan in tomorrow's final. Reports, page 44

Kuwaitis beat Bahrain

Knwait (AP) — Knwait yesterday defeated Bahrain 1-0 in Naples (AFP) — Fraud squad the opening match of the tenth Gulf Arab football tournament at the Peace and Friendship Stadium in Ku-wait. Bahrain put on a lot of pressure from the kick-off, but an error in marking in the box after nine minutes cost them

Nasser Ghanim, the Kuwaiti captain, executed a free the investigation. kick from the box. Wayil the center, headed home past diving Hmoud Sultan.

The tournament is played by Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, Iraq, and the United Arab Emirates. The UAE is one of the 24 contenders for at a cost of \$120 million (£70 the World Cup finals in June.

The seventh member of the contest, Saudi Arabia, has not participated in this Gulf Cup tournament because of a dispute over the Kuwaitis' emblem - two horses which defied a Saudi siege of a Kuwaiti outpost in the 1920s to bring back military reinforcements. The Saudi cancellation came only five days before the contest was to start. The Saudi Football Association stood by the decision despite Kuwait's quick

withdrawal of the posters. The tournament is a prestigious event for the Gulf region's most favoured sport. Police are looking into Cup building contracts

claims that the local mafia the Camorra - are involved in \$400 million (£235 million) building contracts for the World Cup soccer finals.

Persistent questioning by Diego Tesorone's, a local councillor, of how public money was being spent led to

"I just couldn't see where Suleiman, left unmarked in the money was coming from and where it was going," he

Detectives are working their way through mountains of paperwork for tenders for rebuilding the Napoli stadium million)and extending the high-speed tramway for \$200 million (£117 million).

They also want to account for another \$80 million (£47 million) of work contracted

Antonio Iannello, the head of Italy's National Trust, said with the money they had already spent on the transway they could have built a brand new stadium

Manlio Carli, another local councillor, claimed building costs soared when Camorra firms won tenders.

Rosario Rusciano, the overseeing However, it said investicouncillor

came within one code viola-

tion of being defaulted during his 7-6, 6-4 first round win

over Brod Dyke of Australia at

the ATP Eurocard Classic

Becker, ranked second in

the world and seeded second

here after Ivan Lendi, was

warned for ball abuse by the

Australian umpire, Richard

lngs, at the end of the fifth

game of the first set. In the

ensuing argument Ings issued

a point penalty against Becker for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Under ATP rules, one more

violation of the code of con-

tennis tournament vesterday.

construction work, denied gators believed nine people there was any malpractice.

"This is complete nonsense," he said. Police here said yesterday they had identified members of an underworld gang that broke into safe deposit boxes at a Naples bank and stole a golden football awarded to

Diego Maradona. The ball, given to Maradona after he led Argentina to the championship of the 1986 World Cup in Mexico, was part of the loot taken from 66 safe deposit boxes on October

ANSA, the Italian news agency, quoted police as saying the bandits were members of a gang linked to the Camorra family of Giuseppe

Investigators said the football and other items of gold taken from the safety deposit boxes were melted down into ingots and sold to a company in Arezzo, about 80km east of

Police said the bandits in all stole about 110kg of gold, worth an estimated 1.7 billion

lire (£705,000). ANSA said police had arrested two alleged members of the gang.

Soviet Union, beat Slobodan

Zivojinovic of Yugoslavia, 6-

Becker was trailing 4-1 in

the first set when at the end of

the game he hit a ball into the

back of the court. Ings warned

him for ball abuse, whereupon

Backer marched up to the

Ings's chair and harangued

point penalty for unsports-

manlike conduct. Balls then

started flying on court from

within the crowd and one

the first set by taking the tiebreak 7-2, but in the open-

ing game of the second set he

Becker settled down to win

struck Ings on the back.

Ings responded by issuing a

season and indicated that Roma had an option for his ssible transfer.

Meanwhile, Alexandr Zavarov and Sergei Aleinikov, two other Soviet players, may be dropped by Juventus of Turin at the end of this season as a result of their mixed

took part in the heist.

Doctors in Rome,

checked the aching left km s of Alexei Mikhailichenko, the

Soviet midfield player, said

yesterday that the player does

not immediately need surgery.

the 26-year-old Kiev and

Soviet national team player

may heal with rest alone.

Doctors said the left knee of

The Soviet player under-

went several knee examina-

tions in Italy, following an

injury suffered during an ex-

hibition match of the Soviet

In an interview with Corriere dello Sport, Rome's sports daily; Mikhailichenko

said he would like to play in

the Italian major league next

team in Pesaro last week.

performances. Zavarov, Aleinikov and Mikhailichenko will be the key midfielder players for the Soviet team in the World Cup

next June. The Soviet Union is bracketed in Group B with Argentina, Cameroon and Romania

Becker catches a Alexander Volkov, of the score as 0-40. Becker slammed

his racket down on to the

court in anger, but the umpire

At the end of the change

over, however, Ings called the ATP supervisor, Ed Hardisty,

on to the court to talk to

form, Becker lost his serve for

the third time in the set when

leading 5-3. He finally

wrapped up the victory by

breaking Dyke's serve in the

Fencing comes out

Coventry are to remove the perimeter fencing on two sides of their pitch in time for

Still_struggling to find his

let the violation pass.

Becker.

Pitching for a better average

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By Robert Kirley

George Will, a redoubtable political columnist in the United States, recently opined that the best thing abo Super Bowl, the National Football League final, is that in the way of the baseball eason. He is usually right —

when Americans, shu in the last throes of winter, revel in thoughts of the nat-ional pastime: the crack of bat on ball, cigar smoke wafting swards, the brashness of the roving peanut vendors, and ninth-inning rallies engineered by the good guys.

Alas, the bats are sile

Spring-training camps should be operating at full tilt, with kinks and the rookies striving to impress. However, as with all big-time sport in America,

money has spoken bluntly.

Labour negotiations began
at the end of November. The wners voted on February 9 to lock the players out of the 26 major-league camps, which were scheduled to open last Friday. Eighteen teams train in Florida, eight in Arizona. and all lie idle. Chuck O'Connor, the representative of the owners, has said that camps would remain closed in the absence of a collective-bargaining agreement.

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Looking for share of the bounty

money and the owners want to pay less — or, at least, to place a limit on how much they have to pay. The average salary in the American and National leagues exceeded \$500,000 (about £294,000) last season and the escalation continues just keeping adding noughts. Robin Yount, of the Mil-

wankee Brewers, the most valuable player in the American League last season, sie a contract on Tuesday that will pay him more than \$9.5 million (£5.6 million) over three years, making him one of 10 players to average \$3 million a season. On Monday, Paul Melitor, a team-mate of Yount's, agreed a three-year,

\$9.09 million contract. \$68,000 (£40,000) last year, so nobody in the big leagues lugs a stale sandwich and a bruised banana to work. In most clubhouses, the Wall Street Journal has a more devoted readership than the *The* Sporting News. Batting averages of our next opponents? Forget it. Let me see the listings for my oil exploration limited partnership and my municipal-bond funds,

The players want to share in the bounty they say they, as the talent, produce, CBS, the television network, has paid baseball \$1.1 billion (£647 million) for broadcast rights for the next four seaso ESPN, a sports network, has paid \$400 million (£235 million) for a four-year deal that entitles it to televise six games 🎉 a week on cable.

Start of season could be delayed

Spring-training fixtures are scheduled to begin on March 1, but the players would likely want more time to prepare if the impasse contin takes more than just a day or two or three of tossing on the side for a pitcher to throw in any kind of a game situation, Donald Fehr, the union nego-

tiator, said. Molitor, the union representative of the Brewers, who has attended the bargaining sessions, said that even the uled to begin on March 1, could be jeopardized unless

the dispute ends swiftly. The owners are hardly impoverished. In addition to the television revenue, ticket prices have gone up yearly and the value of the clubs has appreciated. In 1980, ticket prices for the Los Angeles
Dodgers ranged from \$2 to
\$4.50; now they are \$5 to \$9.
Last year, Eli Jacobs paid \$70
million for the Baltimore Orioles Edward Paris 177 oles. Edward Bennett Williams had bought the club for

\$12 million nine years earlier. The players are resolute. As mother \$3 million man, Kirby ackett, of the Min Twins, said: "Am I worth it? I don't know. But I do know one thing. If they didn't have it to give to you, you sure wouldn't get it."

Meanwhile, supporters is the northern climes of Schenectady, Missoula, Sheboygan and Butte can only wait, dream and toss another log on the

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Victor has praise for brave Hand

Coorengel. Coorengel, of Holland, ranked more than 200 places

tomorrow for a place in the final.

the reigning champion, will miss the Provincial Insurance English nine miles cross-country championship at Leeds on Saturday as he is recovering from a knee operation.

Lewis, aged 29, who also won the title in 1985, has recently resumed light train-

His coach, Norman Poole said Lewis, one of England's leading cross-country runners, would not be fit until the

Golden Svan Gunde Svan, of Sweden, re-Commonwealth 10,000 mecorded his 28th World Cup tres champion, from Basildon, victory of his career by beating another former English crosshis Norwegian rival, Vegard country champion is also missing from the line-up. But Ulvang, in the 15km crosshe plans to do the British trial country ski race at Tesero, next month, for the world Italy, yesterday. But Ulvang championships in Glasgow, in | snatched the World Cup over-

In the other semi-final Inman, is scheduled to play the the qualifying rounds. She upset the No. 1 seed in the second round and has yet to

Mark Petchey, of Loughton,

Petchey, the No. 8 seed, Begijn from the Netherlands faces the qualifier, Morten Christensen, from Denmark, in the quarter-finals.

Verdict for

Brabham

David Brabham has been

named the 1989 British For-

mula 3 champion, four

months after the season fin-

ished. Brabham finished

above his nearest challenger, Allan McNish, on points but

the championship was with-

held because of alleged engine

irregularities to both cars.
The RAC Motor Sports

Association has now awarded

award the championship to

Brabham with McNish as

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duct would have meant In other first-round matches Wednesday, Amos Mansdorf,

lost his temper again. At 0-30, he claimed his first serve was of Israel, upset the fourthout. Dyke had already hit a winner and lugs called the seed, Carl Uwe Steeb, of West Germany, 6-2, 6-1, and SPORT IN BRIEF

Brabham: Formula 3 victory

Agen (AFP) - Albert Ferrasse. the French rugby union the 1995 World Cup. It would signify the end of apartheid,

Baffi's sprint

O'Brien twice

ven Rooks, retained the

O'Brien, has been selected to pean Indoor Championships in Glasgow from March 3-4 at in 1985, and the 1500 metres.

Sunday's Littlewood's Cup semi-final second leg against Nottingham Forest, in line with the Taylor report. Manchester's Olympic bid is under threat

Kuwait (Agencies) - The Britend investment sanctions against South Africa may jeopardize Manchester's hopes to stage the 1996 Summer Olympics, according to a leading member of the International Olympic Committee

Jean-Claude Ganga, of the Congo, said that British policies could cost Manchester support from many African countries and those with a firm policy of opposition to

"I am only one vote, but were are nearing the goal, she Apartheid.

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On line to serve you

Kaye Hand, of Berkshire, the last British hope in the LTA grid Peltzer, the West Ger-

Satellite women's tennis tournament at the Matchpoint unranked Belgian teenager, Tennis Centre, Manchester, Els Callens, who, on paper, was beaten in the quarter- should never have survived finals yesterday 6-2, 1-6, 1-6 the qualifying rounds. She by the No. 2 seed, Gaby upset the No. 1 seed in the

above Hand, was full of admiration for her British is the only British survivor in opponent. "Kaye was every- the Serve and Volley satellite where in the first set. I knew I tournament at Croydon after my game. I think she can do David Ison 6-3, 6-1, yesterday. well," she said.

Coorengel will face Sandra

Lewis to miss cross-country championship

Dave Lewis, from Rossendale,

ing after a six week rest, following the surgery to a damaged ligament.

middle of the summer. Eamonn Martin, the

Rugby step

federation president, believes South Africa should be given he said here yesterday. South Africa agreed to avoid causing untarily withdrawing from the first tournament in 1987 and next year's competition to be staged in Britain, Ireland and

Messina (AP) - Adriano Baffi took the fifth and next-to-last stage of the "Sicilian week" road cycling race outsprinting his Danish teammate, Rolf Sorensen, and a fellow Italian, Silvio Martinello, here yes-terday. The Dutchman, Ste-

The Stretford athlete, Nick run for Ireland in the Euroboth the 3,000 metres, the distance at which he won the European junior outdoor title

Flooded out

Worcestershire, county cricket champions, have been hit by the worst floods at their New Road headquarters for more

there is bad feeling about Mrs Thatcher's attitude. When is going backwards," Ganga said, during meetings here of the IOC Commission on